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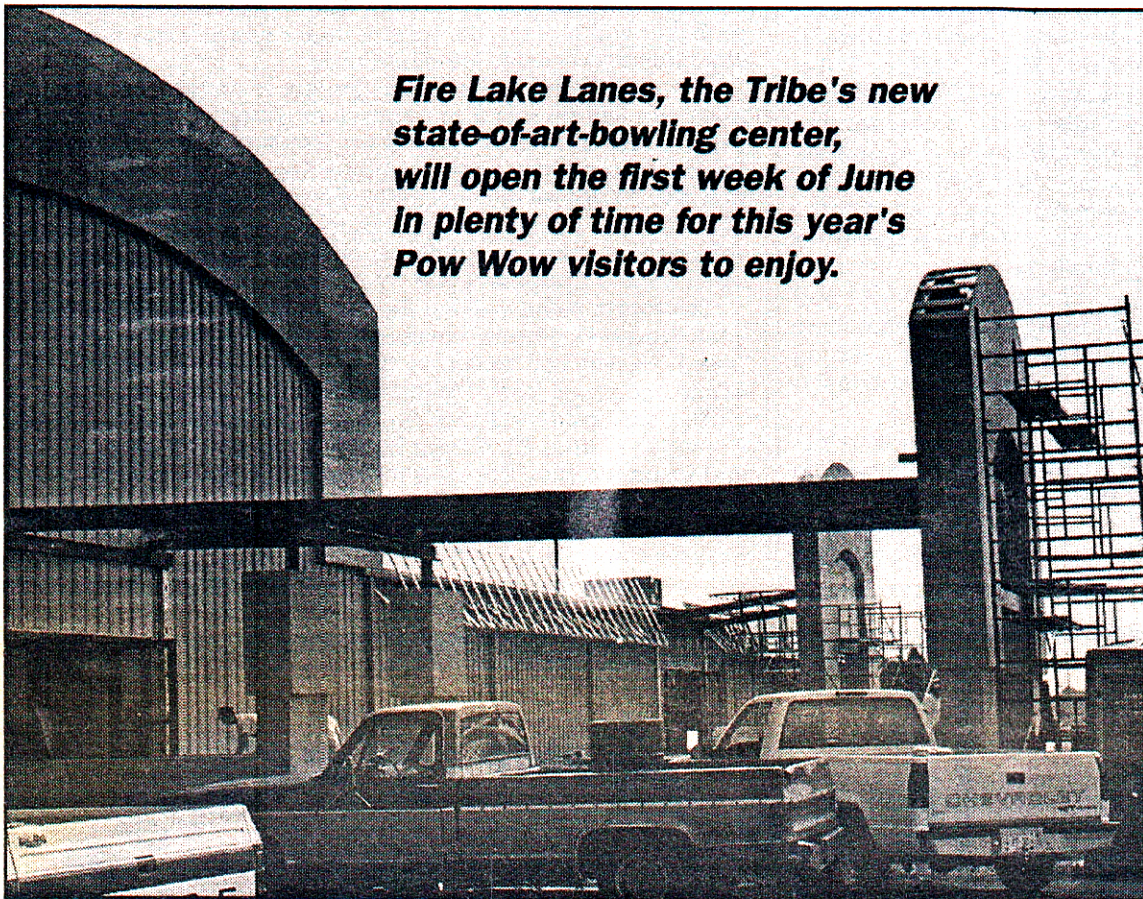


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Fire Lake Lanes, the Tribe's new state-of-art-bowling center, will open the first week of June in plenty of time for this year's Pow Wow visitors to enjoy.



Two key questions face voters in 1995 tribal election June 24

As the deadline looms for absentee ballot requests, Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal members are considering two important questions, a set-aside budget and a choice for one Grievance Committee slot in this year's election, set for June 24.

The two questions pose possible major changes in tribal policy. **Question #1** asks, "Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe place Potawatomi Nation Judgement funds presently held in trust by the BIA into trust at First Oklahoma Bank pursuant to investment policy guidelines to be approved by the Department of Interior?"

Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. said that the tribe wants to move its trust money out of BIA control, but empha-

sized that it will "stay in trust. At First Oklahoma Bank, it will actually have more regulatory oversight than at the BIA," he said, noting that interest earnings on Potawatomi trust funds at the BIA were only 4.13 percent. "If you figure a three percent cost of living adjustment, it made only one percent. We can do better than that."

The low interest earnings have hurt tribal service programs, he noted. "Our scholarships, eyeglasses and other programs are operating on less than half of the normal operating money," he said. Barrett said that because of past problems with BIA investments, Congress has passed laws allowing "tribes which draw up investment policy guidelines can take their money out of trust and give it to a

professional money manager. We don't think that's prudent. The money should stay in trust, but at a bank, regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency. We think that FDIC insurance on those deposits is essential."

"The rules are not changing," Barrett stressed. "We're not spending principal. That will stay in trust, in a national bank. We will continue to spend only the interest earnings."

That first question relates to **Question #2**, which asks, "Shall the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma modify the trust fund scholarship eligibility guidelines under Potawatomi Nation Judgement Funds awarded in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, and 217, and 15-M, 29-K and 146 to allow for scholarship awards to any enrolled tribal member?"

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Sacred Heart tour added to '95 Pow Wow agenda

A tour of Sacred Heart Mission has been added to a full schedule of activities for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's 22nd annual Pow Wow June 23-25.

Pow Wow coordinator Esther Lowden said the Sacred Heart tour was arranged especially for the Regional Coordinators, but is certainly open to anyone who wants to come. Those taking the tour will leave the Administration Building at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The tribe will supply some transportation or visitors may follow in their own cars.

Sacred Heart, located in the far southeastern corner of Pottawatomie County, was operated for many years as a school for Indian children by the Catholic church. That mission eventually became St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, although Sacred Heart Catholic Church remains active there. The Sacred Heart Historical Society, formed a few years ago, has restored much of the original mission and conducts tours.

Also new for Pow Wow Weekend this year will be a bowling tournament at the new Fire Lake Lanes, scheduled to open the first week of June. In addition to the new events, old favorites are back on the schedule. There will be a golf tournament, as usual, and the traditional horse shoe contest beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Those who want to play bingo will be welcomed at Fire Lake Entertainment Center, of course, and the tribal museum and gift shop will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Health screenings will again be available from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Health Services.

But the focus will be on the Pow Wow. Arts and crafts and food vendors will be set up as early as 8 a.m. Friday for the weekend, although the first dancing is set for 6 p.m. Friday when the gourd dancers will kick off the Pow Wow. Grand Entry that night is at 8 p.m. On Saturday, gourd dancing will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m., when a free Indian taco dinner will be served at the Pow Wow grounds. Grand Entry will be at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Special church services will be held at the Pow Wow grounds at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by lunch. Gourd dancing will be from 2-5 p.m., and Grand Entry at 6 p.m. that final evening.

Motel rooms in Shawnee are already full, and camping spaces were nearing capacity at press time, indicating that the 1995 Pow Wow may be the largest ever.

Call To Council June 24, 1995

7 a.m.

Call To Order

7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Recess For On-Site Voting

3 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened For Business

5 p.m.

Free Meal At Pow Wow Grounds

Cozad, Monoessy on pow wow staff

Leading the host Southern Drum at the 1995 Potawatomi Pow Wow will be Berkeley "Berkey" Monoessy, half-Cherokee and half-Kiowa who lives in Shawnee.

Berkey is the son of the late Elrod "Crutch" Monoessy and Barbara Aahaitty Monoessy. His paternal grandparents are the late Neal Monahsy Koport and the late Minnie Tenequer. His maternal grandparents are the late Lucious Ahhaitty and the late Ruby Anquoe. He has three brothers and six sisters.

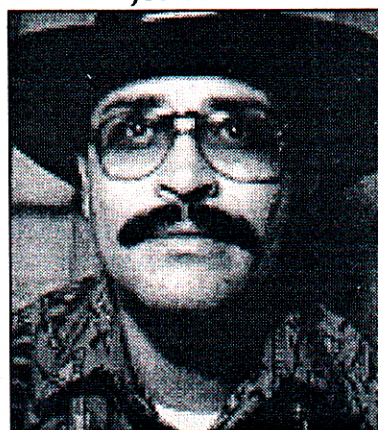
An experienced head singer, Berkey comes from a family of singers. He has traveled throughout the United States to sign on many, many occasions. He and his wife Rita have a daughter, Doris.

"I am proud and honored to have been chosen to sing for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Pow Wow," he said.

Coordinating the Drum Contest for all the visiting drums will be Joe Cozad of Lawton. A Kiowa, Joe is well-known and respected in the Indian community. He has served as Head Singer for many events. The son of Leonard and Velma Cozad Sr., he and his wife Kimberly have four



Joe Cozad



Berkey Monoessy

children, Kenneth, Howard, Shellie and Tina Jo.

Joe said he is honored to serve the Potawatomi Pow Wow again this year.

Worshop services listed for pow wow

Worship begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m. June 25 under the tent at the Potawatomi Pow Wow grounds.

In case of rain we will meet at Mission Hill Indian Church located directly south of the Indian Health Service Clinic.

Services will begin with a memorial to remember our dearly departed people who have walked onto the other world.

The celebrant at this year's worship service will be Father Barney Jackson, Cherokee, and if at all possible, Father Mike Smith, Potawatomi, will co-celebrate. Father Mike is now serving our Ojibwa brothers and sisters in NahTahWaush (Minnesota). I will contact Mike and see if it is possible for him to be here.

The smoke of prayer and blessing will fill the air, there will be anointing with oil and an open communion service.

Please join us for worship. Lunch will be served to those in attendance.

Norman Kiker
Tribal Chaplain

NADEAU FAMILY REUNION SITE CHANGED

Attention — members of the of Gordon Cooper Drive and Nadeau, Neddeau, Taster and Hardesty Road. Turn east on Taster families and their descendants. There is a change in the meeting place for the 1995 family reunion.

There will be a pot luck dinner; bring enough for your own family. Ice will be provided. The time is 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. Contact Rita Oravetz for further information at (405) 273-7000, work, or (405) 275-1906, home. Or you can write to 814 E. Franklin, Shawnee, OK 74801.

Only one contested race on ballot

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Current guidelines restrict tribal scholarships to those who are at least one-eighth Potawatomi or were born before 1961. "Because of the blood degree fiasco at the BIA, the blood degree requirement is contrary to tribal policy," Barrett said. "Descendancy is now, and probably will remain, the criteria under which tribal membership eligibility and benefits are determined."

The third ballot is the annual budget referendum, where tribal members will be asked to approve or disapprove the budget for expenditure of interest earned on set-aside funds. This year the Business Committee proposes budgeting \$80,000 for land acquisition, \$40,000 for maintenance supplies and equipment and the bulk of the money, \$280,000, on trust property improvements, including refurbishing complex buildings, bridge repairs, irrigation system, satellites and computers, sod trees, flowers, trees, and more.

The fourth ballot will list the names of those seeking office this year. Business Committeeman Hilton Melot will be re-elected unopposed, as will two members of the Grievance Committee, Gene Bruno and Hazel Rhodd Williamson.

The only contested race on this year's ballot is for Grievance Committee Office #3, sought by tribal members Marian Flanagan and Joann Johnson. Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Election Committee by June 5. The application must be completed in full, and marked ballots must be in the hands of the Election Committee by 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25. In-person voting will take place that day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at tribal headquarters.



VOTE Marian Flanagan for Grievance Committee

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE...

Marian is one of nine children born to Eugene Flanagan and Mary Catherine Janes Flanagan. As descendants of Alexander Peltier, Mary Catherine and her two sisters, Ruth and Velma, lived at St. Elizabeth's Indian School in Purcell from a young age until graduation. Their brother, Walter, was raised at Sacred Heart Mission. Each taught their children the value of education and set an example of high standards, morals, and respect for elders.

A graduate of Oklahoma University and Oklahoma City University School of Law, Marian is now a practicing attorney in Oklahoma City. While in law school, she was President of the Native American Law Student Association and interned at Oklahoma Indian Legal Services.

As a Grievance Committee member, Marian will use her training, knowledge, and skills for the advancement of the Tribe in a fair and impartial manner.

Thank You For Your Support

PAID FOR BY MARIAN FLANAGAN

Go *Ann Johnson*
Our No. 1 Choice For

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

We believe that Jo Ann Johnson is the best choice for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Grievance Committee. We wholeheartedly support her, and encourage all of you — especially younger tribal members — to vote in this important upcoming tribal election.

Robert & Junior Lowden

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22ND ANNUAL

Citizen Band Potawatomi

POW WOW

Potawatomi Tribal Grounds ★ Shawnee, Oklahoma

FRIDAY

JUNE 23

Friday, June 23
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Gourd Dance
8 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry
Flag Song
Welcome

Introductions
Potawatomi Business Committee
Pow Wow Committee
Head Staff

Intertribals
Tiny Tots
Junior Girls Division
Golden Age Women
Golden Age Men
Golden Age Winners Announced

Saturday, June 24
2-5 p.m. - Gourd Dance
5-6:30 p.m. - Supper

7 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry
Introductions - Head Staff

Intertribals
Junior Boys Division
Pow Wow Committee Special
Senior Women Division

SATURDAY

JUNE 24



SUNDAY

JUNE 25

Sunday, June 25
10 a.m. - Worship and Memorial
Service On The Grounds. Everyone
Welcome. Lunch Served.

2-5 p.m. - Gourd Dance
5-6:30 p.m. Supper

7 p.m. - Invocation/Grand Entry
Flag Song
Introductions - Head Staff

Intertribals
Princess Special
Potawatomi Business Committee
Special
Senior Men Division
Runoff Ties (All Divisions)
Winners of Junior and Senior Divisions
and Drum Contest Announced

FREE ADMISSION • FREE REGISTRATION • FREE PARKING

COORDINATORS and HEAD STAFF

COORDINATORS

Pow Wow Esther Lowden
Drum Contest Joe Cozad
Dance Contest Carla Whiteman

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not responsible for personal injuries or
damage to or loss of personal property.*

STAFF

Master of Ceremonies Jo Jo Rice
Master of Ceremonies ... Thomas Chibitty
Northern Drum Blackbird
Southern Drum Berky Monossey
Head Man Dancer Michael Kidder
Head Lady Dancer Estee TallBear
Pow Wow Princess ... Ginger Schmidkofer
Host Gourd Clan Cedar Lodge

YOU are Invited!

Walking on ...

PAUL G. BROXTERMAN

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 240 SW Kingsrow, Topeka, Kansas, for Paul G. Broxterman, 42, formerly of Peoria, Arizona. He died Wednesday, April 19, 1995, in the bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Broxterman was a special agent for the Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General/Investigations. He earlier had worked as a special agent for USDA office of Inspector General, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Narcotics Task Force and had served as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chief of Police. He also had worked for the IRS and as a private investigator. He was a Navy veteran and had served aboard the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War.

He was born May 1, 1952, in Topeka and attended Topeka schools. He was graduated from Valley High School in Las Vegas. He earned an associate's degree from Clark County Community College in Las Vegas and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Mr. Broxterman was graduated from the FBI Academy and many other law enforcement academies. He had received many law enforcement awards.

Mr. Broxterman was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was married to Cammy Lee Keele on Oct. 31, 1980, at Manti, Utah. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Aaron P.B. Broxterman and Jared J.G. Broxterman, both at home; a daughter, Casandra L. Broxterman, at home; his parents, David and Peggy Broxterman, Las Vegas; two brothers, David Broxterman Jr., Dallas, and Mark James Broxterman, Las Vegas; a sister, Janna L. Broxterman, Los Angeles; and grandparents, James B. Godbey, Las Vegas, and Paul and Helen Beatty, Topeka.

Burial was a Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Visitors Center, 605 E. Street NW, Washington D.C., 20004.

Tribal member Paul Broxterman: a last goodbye

From The Topeka (Kansas) Capital-Journal, May 5, 1995 — "Goodbye, my love" were the final words Paul Broxterman ever spoke to his wife Cammy.

It was on the morning of April 19 as Broxterman left for work at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

He always woke up early, and very quietly went about the business of getting ready for the day. Paul always left for work without fanfare, giving a quick kiss and quick goodbye to his groggy wife.

But Cammy remembers that morning was different. "Goodbye, my love," he said as he kissed her.

He had never said goodbye that way before, and now it's a bittersweet memory for Cammy, intermingled with more than 14 years of memories with her husband.

Today Paul will be remembered at services in Topeka at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Paul considered Topeka home, even though he only lived here for a few years as a child and teenager.

In Oklahoma City, he worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is a job he loved, Cammy said. The Broxtermans had moved to Oklahoma City just a couple of weeks before the bombing, with an official death toll that has risen to 159 people.

Cammy said she doesn't ask, "What if Paul had started his job just a few weeks later?"

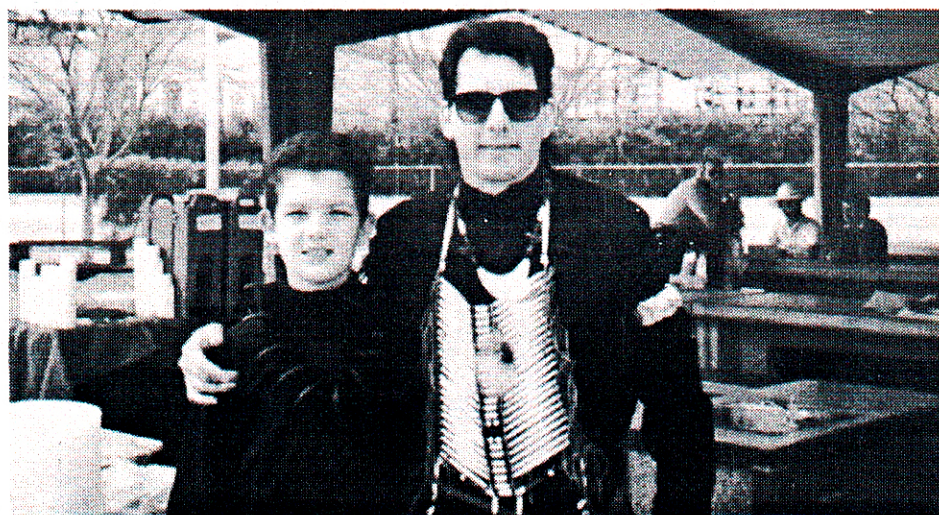
"I try not to look back and have regrets," she said. "He was very happy. He was where he wanted to be, and he was at peace with himself."

Paul was thrilled to have moved back to Oklahoma City and middle America, she said. He was especially thrilled to be just a few hours drive away from the BoBo Burgers that are available only at BoBo's Drive-In at 10th and MacVicar.

Cammy and her children planned to have a BoBo burger while they are in town.

Cammy was on a field trip with her son's third-grade class on April 19 when she heard the explosion. They went outside to look and could see the smoke in the distance.

She didn't know it was the federal building until she went home and



Paul Broxterman, right, with one of his sons at a Regional Council meeting a few years ago

turned on the news.

Then came the wait.

Paul didn't call. He wasn't in any of the hospitals she checked. His name wasn't on the list of the dead.

"I could tell by looking," she said. "I knew where his office was and I knew it was gone. I always knew all along it would end this way. People would say, 'Don't give up hope, he's a fighter, he won't give up.' I guess I always knew he was gone."

She described the wait as being like the movie, "Ground Hog Day," in which the character relives the same day over and over.

"You wake up and it's the same thing all over again," she said. "It's very hard to know time."

Paul's body was pulled from the rubble Monday.

"It was expected, so it wasn't a shock," she said. "It was a relief that we could start moving forward."

Cammy, 33, never wavered as she talked about her life since April 19. She hesitated from time to time, but her voice was strong and confident. It had to be this way, she said, for her children.

She and Paul have three children Aaron, 12, Casandra, 9, and Jared, 8. Her voice became warmer and more enthusiastic when her three children burst into the Topeka motel room where they're staying.

"Children are so resilient," she said, acknowledging that she expected the gravity of what has happened to hit her later.

Cammy wants to make sure her husband is remembered in a positive light. Deeply religious, she said she knows that Paul is in heaven now watching over his family and preparing a place for them. The Broxtermans are members of the Mormon Church. "He was a very honest, forthright person," she said. "He loved his heritage. He loved his past."

She laughed when she remembered the vacations they spent in Topeka researching the family genealogy. Paul's background was both Potawatomi Indian and Scottish. A bagpipe will play at his graveside service this afternoon.

"He knew his roots and I believe they were there to greet him," Cammy said.

Paul loved to collect things, and he loved to take his family on adventures. They weren't a family to sit around on weekends.

Cammy said she and her family will move back to the Phoenix area, where they lived prior to moving to Oklahoma City. However, she complimented the people of Oklahoma City and how they treated the family. She said the family has been surrounded by caring, warm people since the tragedy.

She hasn't thought about the man charged with bombing the building. She hasn't had time.

"I try not to focus on the negative part of it," Cammy said. "I have kids I have to focus on. I know justice will prevail."

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 24, 1995. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1995. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, two questions, and the election of Business Committeeman #2 and the three members of the Grievance Committee, will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

HowNiKan DEADLINES/ADVERTISING RATES

The deadline for political advertising in the HowNiKan is the same as the deadline for any articles, pictures or information for the tribal newspaper — the 5th of each month. Rates for political ads are also the same as for any paid advertising in the HowNiKan, as noted below. Each candidate was offered a free quarter-page ad in the April issue as provided for in the tribal election ordinance. All other political ads must be paid for by the person or persons placing the ad. Payment must be made to the tribal Director of Accounting before the ad can be printed. The editor of the HowNiKan, under the election ordinance, shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review the contents for libel, slander and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney.

June HowNiKan Deadline — June 5

Full Page — \$100; Half Page — \$50; Quarter Page — \$25

To preserve and protect ...

BY GLORIA TROTTER

Perhaps nothing chronicles the growth of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's programs and enterprises as well as the expansion of the tribal police department — it has doubled in the last ten years.

Police Chief David Kubiak said there were four employees and two patrol cars when he came to work for the tribe in March of 1986. Today, there are six full-time officers, two part-time officers, and two reserve officers. They are housed in a separate building and have five patrol cars, complete with state-of-the-art radios, cellular phones, beepers and other equipment.

It takes that many people and that many cars to provide 24-hour, seven day a week protection for the growing tribal enterprises and programs. In fact, Kubiak said, the opening of Fire Lake Lanes next month may require adding some police personnel.

The security of the tribal facilities is a major responsibility of the department, but it is not the only one, of course. "We do everything a police department does," the chief said, "arrests, serving papers, keeping the peace ... we work wrecks, we assist other agencies.

We are cross-deputized with Pottawatomie County and most of the other tribes in this area."

Kubiak is proud of the good relationship the tribal police department, begun in 1983, has with the Sheriff's Department. "They do all our dispatching," he noted, and added that the Potawatomi Tribe may be the only one with a cross-deputization agreement signed by county commissioners, the Oklahoma Legislature and the Governor of Oklahoma. Former Gov. David Walters signed the agreement on almost the last day of his administration last December.

Tribal police must work closely with the county on criminal cases, of course. Non-Indians are turned over to them for state charges, while Indians are prosecuted in tribal court. But anyone who must be jailed goes to the county jail. Most arrests are public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and such, but the tribal officers probably spend more time on child welfare cases. That also keeps them in tribal court twice a month.

Kubiak spends a significant number of hours in seminars and courses, staying up to date on changing court rulings and law regarding juris-



Police Chief David Kubiak With Tribal Patrol Car

diction and other Native American legal issues. And then sometimes he's the teacher — he'll be conducting firearms training this month for his staff.

In addition to Kubiak, the full-time officers are Sgt. Robert All will be in evidence Davis, Patrolman Kent during the upcoming Dowell, Patrolman J.D. Potawatomi Pow Wow.

Hodges, Patrolman Wayne Knight, and Patrolman Mel Loyd. Helping out are part-timers Bill Howard and J.C. Jackson, with reserve officers Jack Barrett, Tom Powell and Kent Stone filling in as needed.

Kubiak is proud of the part that his officers played in the Oklahoma City bombing last month. Davis took nurses to the site, and he, Dowell and Powell helped with supplies and security.

"We're here to keep the peace," he said, "to preserve and protect."

Kubiak: a career cop

Dave Kubiak has been a cop for more than 30 years, bringing a wealth of experience with him when he became the Potawatomi Police Chief in 1986. "I started my tenth year in March," he said.

A native of Harrah, Oklahoma, Kubiak went to work in security in 1970 and later joined the McLoud Police Department. After that he worked for the Un. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, and then served as a deputy under Pottawatomie County Sheriff Paul Abel. He is a fully certified officer.

Kubiak and his wife of more than 30 years, Virginia, have six children and ten grandchildren. He enjoys fishing and hunting in his leisure time, and plays golf "once in a while."

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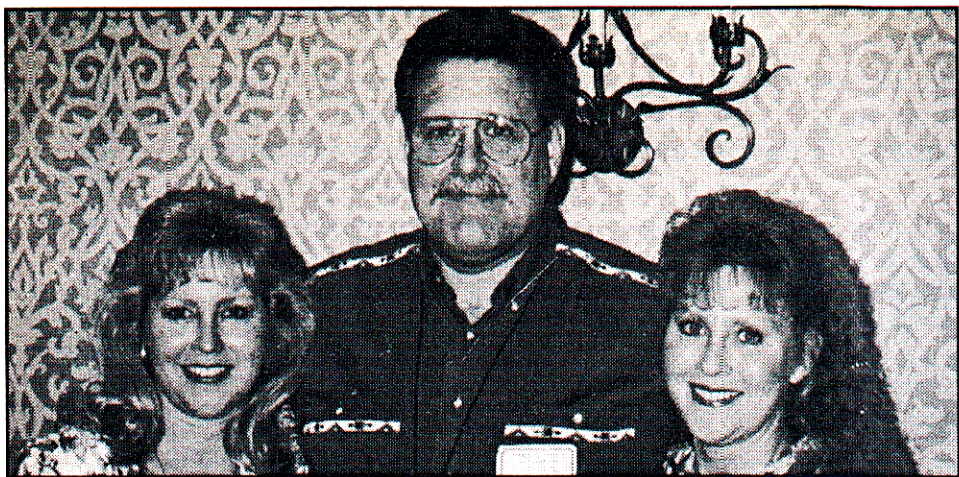
Regina Turley from Houston was the Wisest at the Regional. She is shown with Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., left, and Chaplain Norman Kiker.



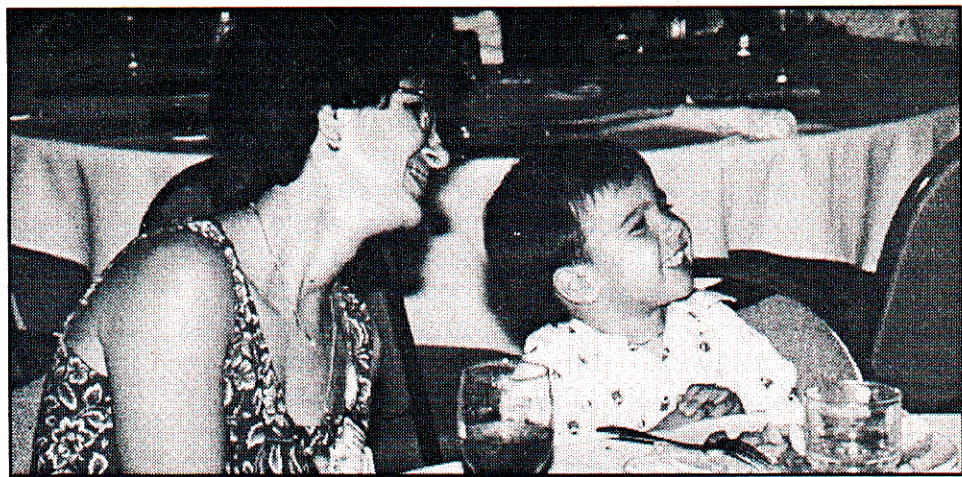
Donald Rhodd and his wife, Diann. They live in Houston.



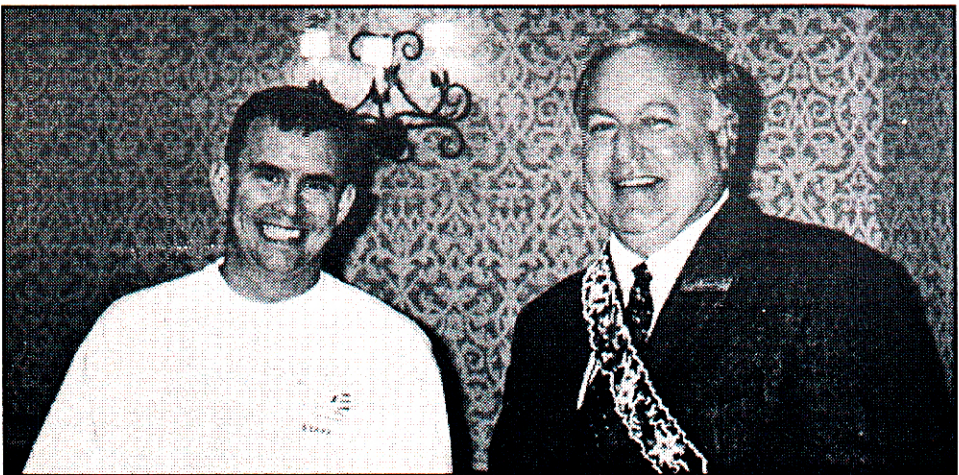
John Ellis with Dot and Hollis Bryan from Beeville.



Dennie Beasley and Debbie Honick with their cousin, Norman Kiker.



The youngest enrolled Tribal member at the Regional was 2-year-old Hollis Stubenthal. He's shown here with his mother, Vickie.



Kent Lewis from Corpus Christi traveled the longest distance to get to Houston. He is the son of Marjorie Hobdy, our Dallas regional coordinator.



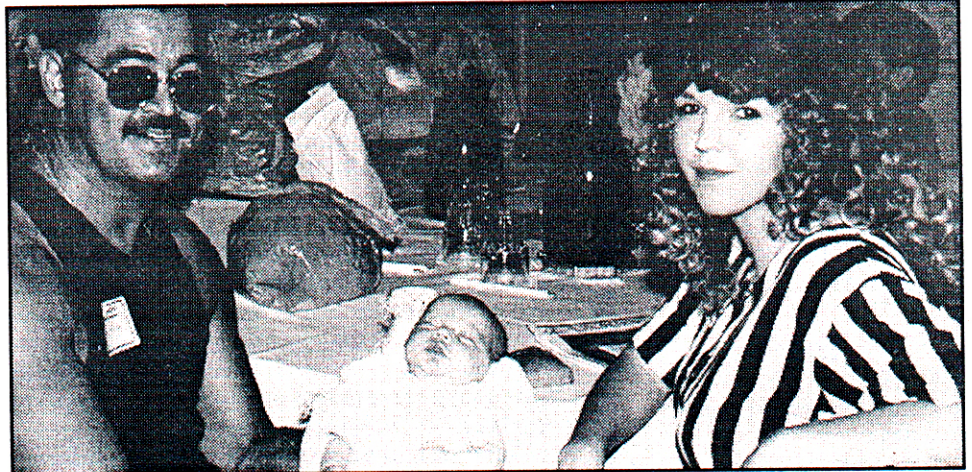
Karen and Richard Young enjoy their first Regional meeting.

SOUTH TEXAS

Crowne Plaza • Houston Galleria Area • May 6, 1995



Billie Robinson, Anna McNeill and Naomi Ward traveled the shortest distance. They came one block to get to the Regional.



The Gary Risinger family — including 3-week-old Dakotah — came to Houston from Brazoria, Texas.



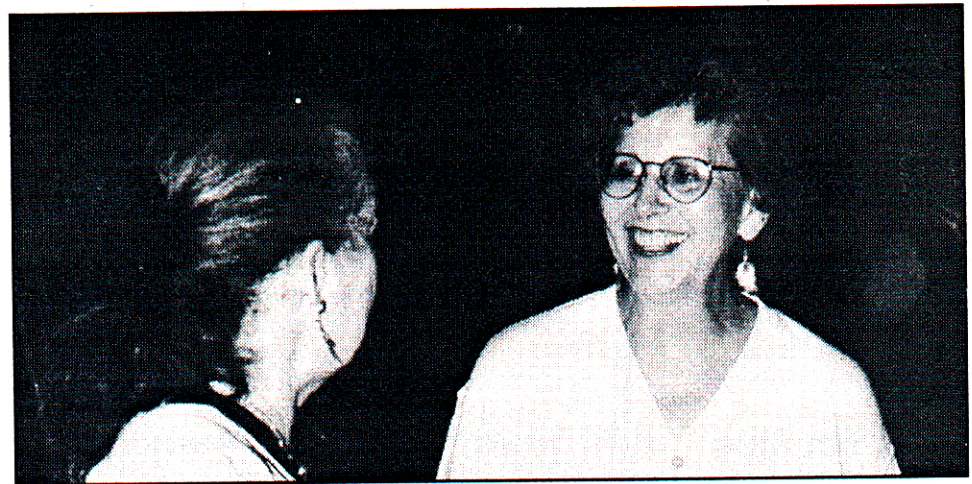
Romona Melot and Claudia Kiker help Esther Lowden with gift shop sales.



Lu Ellis planned a great Regional with the help of her husband, John.



Tribal Member Cynthia Benick with Chairman Barrett.



Marjorie Hobdy, Dallas regional coordinator, visits with Lu Ellis.



There was a great deal of interest in Tribal items at the Houston Regional



A small part of the crowd listens intently to the program.

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NORTHERN TEXAS

Our regional meeting was held April 29 and the business council arrived early on that hot and steamy Saturday. Our chairman, Rocky Barrett, was unable to be with us, so our vice chairman, Linda Capps, led our meeting. Committeemen Hilton Melot and Jerry Motley came and were available for questions our members had to ask. We enjoyed the chance to meet and hear from J.D. Colbert, Tribal Administrator. Bob Trousdale, Deputy Administrator, led the prayer before lunch and spoke again later about his work with the tribe. We appreciate all for taking their time to meet with us.

All of the people from Oklahoma City were wearing ribbons to remember those in Oklahoma City and planned to continue wearing them until all of the victims were removed from the blast site. Linda Capps spoke of our tribal member, Paul Broxterman, who had died in the blast but had not been located. Linda told us about his return to Oklahoma and his surviving wife and children and our hearts all went out to them.

The following Wednesday, Dave Broxterman, who lives in the Northern Texas Region, called and left a message to tell me about his brother, Paul Broxterman, and to tell me he was on his way to Kansas for Paul's funeral. I was not aware that Paul had a brother in my

region and I am sorry that I was not home when he called. We did remember Paul at the meeting. Dave brought to my attention there was an article in the *Dallas Morning News* about Paul and I looked it up and read it.

Last weekend my husband and I went to Houston to a Senior Softball Tournament. Our son, daughter-in-law and grandson met us and we went to the Regional Meeting in Houston. Chairman Barrett was there and we enjoyed the information he shares about the progress of our tribe and how the disposition of the Potawatomis has improved at the meetings since we started serving food! We enjoyed the meeting, the softball tournament was a success and we had a nice trip. Until we got home and discovered our power had been off for 17 hours. So into the trash went several weeks' supply of food and back to the grocery store. But our loss was small compared to what others suffered in the terrible hailstorm and rains of Friday night. I know that some of our tribal members have been affected by the storms of recent weeks (one as they were returning home from our meeting), but I hope that no one else had to deal with a loss of life. I'll see you at the PowWow in June.

Marjorie Hobdy

WASHINGTON STATE

I'm sure that all of us in some way have been affected by the tragedy of Oklahoma City. I know that I sat unbelieving as the hours unfolded and the enormity of the disaster was revealed. With everyone else I offered prayers for the victims, survivors, the families, the workers. And I tried to understand why.

I believe that all are here for a purpose — the plant people, the 4-legged ones, the 2-legged ones, the winged and swimming ones, the crawling ones, smallest to largest. And the phases of each life serve a purpose: birth, youth, maturity and death. Even when that phase is skipped or that life is shortened, it is all a part of a greater purpose. And I've come to accept that I may not be given the wisdom to understand the purpose but that's all right. There is one who does. All I have to do is trust and Kitchemanito/Creator/God will take care of the details. I may still walk through many long dark valleys but trust offers a light to help me find my way out.

The Native American Women's Wellness Conference was again a huge success. Held in Portland in April, approximately 1500 women attended so I heard. I was especially pleased to meet two women from Shawnee this year. Thelma and Dee were in a couple of workshops with me and it was a delight to get to know them. Although we kept busy attending workshops and gaining new skills for helping tribal people, we did manage to socialize over lunch. I look forward to touching bases with them in June!

Pow wow season is off to a running start. Don't forget, I have copies of the pow wow schedule for Memorial Day through Labor Day for Washington, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia, though most of the information is for Washington. If you want a copy, give me a call! Maybe I'll see you at pow wow.

congratulations to Philonise Kulani on her new full-time job at the Kitsap County Indian Center in Silverdale. The center has moved so before you visit, call me for the new address — I'll have it in a week or so.

The new Washington coordinator for the Native American Bone Marrow Program is Dorraine Boothe. The registry is so small that so far only three Native Americans have been cured through the

registry; donors are desperately needed. Call Dorraine at (306) 466-5420.

If you are facing problems of domestic violence, sexual abuse or alcoholism relapse, call Ina Maka Family Services at 325-0070 in Seattle. Costs are reasonable and they offer classes and counseling for people of all ages.

Would you be interested in being a foster parent of a Native American child? Write to D.S.H.S. (Attn: Lisa Nelson), 2809 26th Ave. S., Seattle WA 98144 and ask for the details. There are hurting children out there waiting for a Native American family to take them in.

I was asked at our Regional meeting to update you on my recovery from the ligament damage I received last September (many of you saw me hobbling on crutches at the meeting, unable to make it over to greet each of you in person). I still hobble on crutches, though am back in therapy and feeling more confident of moving on to a cane. The women's conference was a challenge — and a slight setback — but I'm back on track again. I'm told that I'm too impatient and slow healer but if I will give it time and stop overdoing I should be fine.

I am still working on picnics. July 22 is the date set for the Port Orchard picnic in Manchester State Park. Philonise Kulani and Norma Whitley are coordinating that one. For more information, call me. I will try to get a flyer out before I leave for Shawnee so watch for one mid-June.

Nicole Collins and Shayshoshewa Westin have chosen August 19 for the picnic in Boise, ID. you can RSVP directly with Nicole at 208-362-5385, with Rocky and Maxine Baptiste in Oregon at 1-800-522-3724, or with me at 1-800-722-8055, I will include a flyer in the June mailing if possible.

I cannot do a mailing alone — I did for the Regional and it was too much. If you can help fold and stuff envelopes, please call me. We'll need to get it done by June 12th!

Susan Campbell

DENVER

Hello all,

Have had some interesting phone calls recently. The first one was from a student here in Denver asking about how I felt about truism on some of the reservations. Another was from a young woman asking for health care assistance. I told her the truth — that there is none here in Colorado.

Now on to brighter things. Now with spring on the way and things warming up, I saw this poem by Nancy Wood in the book *Spirit Walker*.

THREE SISTERS

We are the Three Sister of Fire and Earth and Water.
Without us, nothing lives or grows.
We are the Three Daughter of Sun and Moon and Stars.

Without us, no path exists through the universe.

We are the Three Wives of Birds and Trees, and Animals.

Without us, there would be no wings or roots or bones.

We are the Three Mothers of Clouds and Wind and Rain.

Without us, our children would go hungry.

We are the Three Friends of Beauty.

Without us, flowers would look like stones.

We are the Three Grandmothers of Wisdom.

Without us, men would only speak of war.

We are the Three Aunts of Endurance.

Without us, what would survive? Bright Blessings,

Lisa Baldwin

REGIONAL REPORTS

OREGON

Bourzho from Oregon:

In 1876, an anonymous chief made a humorous quote that is so true today. He said, "Tell your people that since the Great Father promised that we should never be removed, we have been moved five times. I think you had better put the Indian on wheels so you can run them about wherever you wish." Boy, are we on wheels today! Seems we can't do anything without our wheels. I am looking forward to my trip to Shawnee, the last weekend in June for our annual meeting and PowWow, although I will have to fly, and not drive this year as I had planned. Hope I get to meet many of my brothers and sisters there.

I have always stopped a couple days in Oklahoma City, as that is where we fly into and depart, and enjoy so much our time there. I want to let everyone in Oklahoma know how very much our prayers are with them, and share their sorrow and grieving over the bombing of the Federal Building and the loss of so many lives.

Here in Oregon, it seems that tribal gaming has heated up between the three major tribes. The Siletz Tribe has nearly completed the building for their gaming, which will be located in Lincoln City. The Grand Ronde Tribe is working very hard on their new building and the new access road into their gaming facility. It will be located near Grand Ronde on the Coast Highway, near the "Strawberry Patch." You probably all know where that is located. Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs opened a temporary gaming center May 1. It is located on the second floor of Kah-Nee-Ta lodge. It was opened to the tribe at 7 p.m. with ceremony and a dinner and to the public at 9 p.m. Seems it is a silent race to see which one will be starting up first.

Rodeos will be popping up all over Oregon before long. It is that season again. St. Paul Rodeo and the Mollala Buckaroo come at 4th of July. The first part of June you can attend the "Tywama All Indian Rodeo" held in Tygh Valley and again the Pi-um-sha Treaty Day Celebration and Rodeo will be held June 25. For all you cowboys out

there, get you boots shined.

A pow wow, sponsored by the Indian Education Program, will be held Sunday, June 4, at Horning Hall, Canby Fairgrounds. The purpose is to honor the accomplishments of all the Indian students attending public schools. Host drum will be Dancing Again Singers. If you are close enough to Canby or even if you want to use those wheels, take your child to this powwow, so they too may be honored.

Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Facility held an alumni reunion April 22 in Grand Ronde. They had a fun day with games, raffles, dinner and a mini pow wow. Nanitch Sahallie is a residential treatment facility in Keizer, Oregon. It is open to Indian Youth in the western states and Alaska. If you have need for more information on this facility, please call me at the office.

A Natural Resources summer camp is offered this summer in Kansas. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII and Haskell Indian Nations University is sponsoring a Natural Resources Summer Camp for students in Grade 7-12. The camp will be held in Junction City, Kansas, on July 12-17. Learn more about the Environment from a Native American perspective. Explore the diversity of wildlife, forestry resources and the water habitats in a natural setting. You will even explore a herd of buffalo who stay in and around the Konza Tallgrass Prairie. There will be modern facilities to stay in and trained assistants to guide you. The applications deadline is June 1. For more information and an application contact Connie Holmes at the Natural Resources Division (503) 879-2381 or 879-5522.

Some jobs are available at the Grand Ronde Tribal Casino site. They like to hire member of their own tribe first, but will consider Indian of other tribes also. If you are interested in what may be available contact Carol Scott at (503) 879-2846. Also you can call here at our office 1-800-522-3744. I do have a list of a few of the job openings.

Rocky Baptiste

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

While standing to honor the entry of the colors at a recent pow wow, I felt fortunate to be able to reach out and feel the presence of my two sons, Caleb and Ellis, at my side.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE day, and the recent publication of Robert MacNamara's "Gee, I'm sorry about the mistake called Vietnam" book, loss came to mind. I pondered the fact that many fathers and mothers are no longer able to stand around that sacred circle with their sons and daughters, having watched them go off to war and never return. I remembered vividly a recent interview with an aged father who still had tears for the loss of his son in the Battle of the Bulge back in 1945. I squeezed my sons' hands and, in a silent prayer, thanked the Creator for my good fortune and the emotional wealth of that moment.

My sons fidgeted and looked a little bored. Being young, (Caleb's 72 and Ellis is 3), they're a little unclear as to what "honoring" is all about. They were certain that it didn't require all this standing, though. All they wanted to do was dig in the sugar-dusted frybread I had just bought. After we were seated, I tried to explain why we stand respectfully while our colors are presented.

I told them that many of our people, not only from the tribe, but others from our country, had fought in wars and other conflicts to honor those flags, and to keep our way of life free. I told them that many had died, and still more returned wounded in every possible way. We stood, I told them, to honor those fallen warriors.

I recited what I knew of our long history of battles which were undertaken in honor, and demonstrated beyond any doubt our warriors' bravery. I informed them that giving up a child to war is possible the hardest thing a parent can do.

My oldest boy, Caleb, asked why we, as Indian people, would fight for a government that had treated us so badly. Good question. But the answer is that we had made our peace with the government and agreed to defend our country and our flag. We are citizens of this country, and it's our responsibility to keep our word, whether or not it seemed the government had. I told him that Indian people had always fought bravely and represented themselves, and us, with distinction, and we always would.

I also told them that we honored a fallen eagle feather as a fallen warrior.

The boys listened as long as their attention spans would allow, which was exactly as long as the frybread lasted. They then ran off to squander the stipend I had allowed them for the day.

Hours later, I was sitting on our blanket, watching the dancing. The boys wrestled on the grass nearby. Suddenly a strange hush fell over the crowd. All

dancing stopped. An announcement came over the p.a. system, "We have a feather down."

The dance circle began to clear, except for a few dancers and an elder. The ceremony to retrieve the fallen eagle feather began. People stood in silence. Hats were removed. Cameras were lowered and dangled unused from their owners' necks. Instinctively, I stood and took off my Potawatomi PowWow hat.

I watched the ceremony for a few minutes before I thought to see what the boys were doing. I looked down and there they were, standing next to me, attentively. Respectfully.

Ellis asked his big brother what was going on. Caleb answered, "That feather out there is just like one of us." He then reached over and gently removed the 3 year-old's hat, handing it to him to hold.

I thank the Creator for those moments. A-ho

Announcements

Pasadena City College's Inter-Tribal Student council hosts a weekly meeting at noon, Mondays at Room CC/216 on their campus, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Info: (818) 585-7834.

Red Road Learning Center offers Free classes every Monday night 7-10 pm at the McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Sunland/Tujunga. Info: (213) 257-2246, Fern

POWWOW Info

June 2-4 the FOUR MOONS POW WOW in Fontana. Info: (909) 350-6709

June 2-4 th NUWUVI DAYS at Lake Havasu. This one's put on by the Chemehuevi. They're planning a carnival, and baseball tournament. Sounds like fun. Info: (619) 858-4301.

June 10-11 the 2nd Annual Chumash PowWow at the Rockwell Recreation Center of Fallbrook between Roscoe and the 118 Fwy. Info: (818) 367-1915 or (818) 364-1933.

June 23-25 the 11th Annual Tehachapi PowWow. Info: (805) 823-0420 or (805) 822-1118

July 22-23 Redbird's 1995 "Children of Many Colors" PowWow at Peter's Arabian Ranch, 7155 Walnut Canyon Road in Moorpark. Info: (818) 594-1506.

August 4-6 Southern California Indian Center's 27 Annual PowWow at the Orange county Fairgrounds, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. Info: (714) 530-0225.

And a Few Reminders

Southern California Indian Center/El Monte Outreach Office is now serving the San Gabriel Valley area 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at the El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, 10953 Ramona Blvd, Rm 2141, El Monte, CA 91731. Info: (818) 579-8379 or (213) 728-8844.

Community Action For American Women's Health (funded by the California Wellness Foundation) is sponsoring a series of FREE health education workshops on subjects including menopause, weight control, stress management, prevention of female reproductive cancers, alcohol abuse prevention, arthritis management, tobacco cessation, and diabetes prevention and control. Many services are provided, including transportation and child care. Info: Maxine Judkins (310) 920-7227 ext. 20.

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, with love for our brothers and sisters, and with hope for those who will follow. Any may everyone we meet know at a glance how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Jeremy Finch

REGIONAL REPORTS

SOUTHERN TEXAS

Bourzho from Houston,

We had a good meeting here on May 6. We want to thank all of you in Shawnee who gave of your time and talents to make this meeting successful. And especially, Megwetch for coming to be with us.

Our chairman, Rocky Barrett, shared the Creation story, told us more of the Eagle, and explained the use of cedar, sage, tobacco and sweet grass in prayer. As we are eager to learn, we thank you, Rocky, for that sharing.

Now we look forward to PowWow in June. We will look for all of you there!

I always think of myself as a painter, not a writer, but there are some thoughts I would like to share with you:

1. Unity is a formidable weapon. We live in the present. There is no room for past grievances, feuds and grudges in the present. They should be bundled and taken to live with the stones. The stones are better able to withstand the corrosion than we. The stones understand. We could gain much in unity.

2. Education is a formidable ally. We cannot go back to the past, I do not want to. But

I do want to know the past, the History of my people; the belief system that sustained us for centuries before the white man came, kept us strong and safe and growing. When we are educated, we can bring into the present those truths from our past that apply today, use them wisely, and move into the future safe and strong and growing. A wise Indian once said, "When the people understand the truth, then all men can live together in Peace."

3. Family is a formidable strength. The word "family" imparts caring, gathering together in joy and in sorrow, bearing each other's burdens as well as celebrating each others victories, and loving each other. Tribe and family walk as one.

Great strength comes from the nourishment of unconditional love. Mother Earth gives us always that unconditional love. What we do with it is indicative of our commitment to "Family," to each other.

Take good care of each other. Go to your local pow wows. Call me if I can be of help. Megwetch,

Lu Ellis

SOUTHWEST

Greeting from Phoenix,

Volumes have been written, many words have been spoken and the search still goes on about the horrendous blast in Oklahoma City. It was so cruel, senseless and insane. You wonder what goes through the mind of such a person who performs such an act. The shock waves were felt worldwide and are still rolling from coast to coast.

I know that many people have lost loved ones and the effect will be with them forever. We lost one of our own (that I know of). Paul Broxterman had been one of my southwest Potawatomi, living in Peoria, Arizona. I was not aware that he had moved and when word reached me I was shocked beyond belief. He and his family always came to our meetings and they are such an outstanding family. I had hoped to get to know him and get him involved with us, but never had the chance. My love and sympathy to Cammy and the children. If you are ever in Phoenix and I can be of help to you, let me know; I'm here for you.

So many times we put off walking that extra step or neglect to give that pat on the

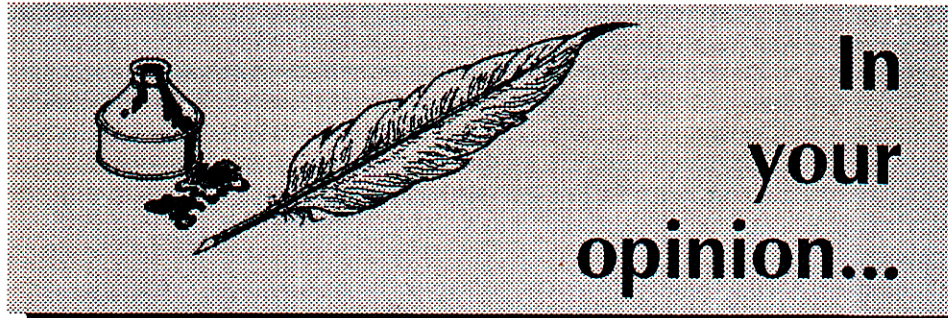
back or a simple smile until it's too late. None of us are promised tomorrow, so we should try to make each day count by our thoughts and deeds to others.

A bright spot for me last month was going to Morning Star Pow Wow with my new-found cousin Maureen Higgin. It was in Tempe, Arizona. Maureen came over, scooped me up and away we went. It was the day of a terrible storm and the wind nearly blew the vendors away. Most of them closed early, but the wind did not stop the dancers. Oh my, no! It was beautiful! We met David Whitall and his wife Blythe there at the pow wow and had a nice visit. What a great day.

Nothing more to say — see you next month. Until then, may the Great Spirit keep you safe in his arms.

Philonise Williams

Henri Frederick Amil one said: Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love. Make haste to be kind.....



Tribal member appreciates opportunities provided

(This letter was sent to Southwest Regional Representative Philonise Williams.)

Dear Philonise:

Just a note to say how wonderful it was to spend the afternoon with other tribal members last Sunday.

It is a shame that more members do not take advantage of the wonderful opportunities you provide in addition to a wonderful time visiting.

Several people commented on the dream catchers they were taught to make, I enjoyed meeting others and playing kick ball with the children. It was interesting to learn how the weaving took place and all the historical information attached to the process.

I personally feel proud that the Potawatomi people and leaders think enough of their members to provide such a leaning opportunity to insure the continuation of the People of the Fire.

It seems a shame that so few work so hard for so many that do not grasp the importance of our heritage.

Those of us who do, thank God for people like you.

If there is anything I can do to make your job easier, please feel free to call on me. I don't have much money, but I do have some time that I would be willing to contribute toward any cause you feel just.

Thank you again for being you.

Warmest personal regards,

Gene Lambert

Looking for family

To The Editor:

I am looking for information about Nellie May Kennedy (b. 5/1/1895 d. 2/6/1964). She was married to George Albert Anderson (b. 9/6/1894 d. 12/14/1936 Tucson, AZ). I believe that she attended an Indian school as a child. Also, I would like to get more information on the Kennedy side. Her father was John Edward Kennedy, but I have no name for her mother. If you have any information, or genealogy, please send to:

Ken Anderson
8620 NE 133rd Place
Kirkland, WA 98034

I've known Jo Ann Johnson for many years, and worked with her during her previous tenure on the tribal Business Committee. I know her to be a good person, honest and trustworthy. I would not hesitate to recommend her to you as you decide how to vote in the upcoming election. But whoever you decide to support, the most important thing is that you remember to vote. Your participation in tribal government is what makes it work, and I appreciate each and every one of you.

Hilton Melot

Business Committeeman #2

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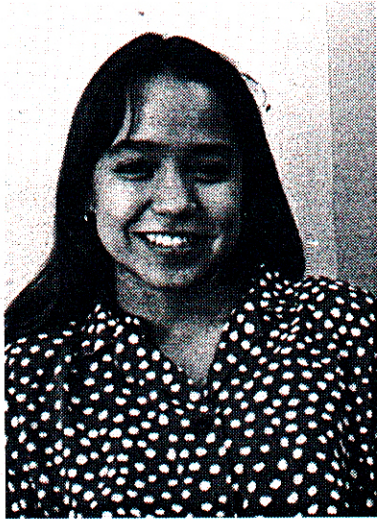
Tribal program participants earn national recognition

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's Employment and Training Department recently announced that Andrea Dawn Hawkins has been named the winner of the prestigious Howard Yackus Memorial Award from the Division of Indian and Native American programs in Washington, D.C. The award was presented during the awards luncheon at the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference May 17 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Hawkins is a Shawnee resident, an Oklahoma Baptist University nursing student and the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Hawkins. She is also the mother of a son, five-year-old Trevor.

The Howard Yackus Memorial award was organized in recognition of the late Howard Yackus, a California Grantee JTPA Program Director whose interest was to help Native Americans focus on obtaining a higher education degree to improve the status of American Indians. Yackus and his family perished when an airplane crashed into their home in Ciernos, California in the mid-1980s. He was a member of the Comanche Tribe and in his honor the Comanche Tribe is contributing the scholarship of \$500 to be given to Hawkins.

Since the fall semester of 1991, Hawkins has been studying to become a registered nurse. Her future goal is to finish a master's program with a speciality in pediatric nursing.



Andrea Hawkins

She commended the employment and training staff for supporting her through the years with summer employment and assistance with books and uniforms.

A former Potawatomi Tribe Employment and Training department participant, Sherry Fields, has also been recognized with a national honor. The Shawnee resident has been awarded the outstanding participant award by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs in Washington, D.C.

Fields was selected from applications sent by more than 200 agencies because she had overcome more barriers to training than most applicants. She was assisted by the employment and training program for GED studies and received her GED certificate in March 1993. She was placed on the work experience training program at



Sherry Fields

the Indian Health Service Shawnee Clinic in the medical records department and finished the training in January 1994.

She then pursued a medical office assistant training course at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech and received her certificate of completion in July 1994. She was placed on the work experience training program from July through December 1994 where she was able to use her newly acquired medical skills and get the required amount of work experience to qualify for an application through the civil service. She then applied and was hired to work in the Wewoka Clinic as a medical records clerk at a GS-3 position.

She too was given her award during the National Indian and Native America Employment and Training Conference in Bismarck May 17.

20th annual Trail of Courage festival set Sept. 16, 17

The 20th annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival, Rochester, Indiana, will be held Sept. 16-17 on the Fulton County Historical Society grounds on north side of Tippecanoe River 4 miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. The Fulton County Museum and Round Barn Museum is at north end of grounds.

Activities include historic encampments: Scotch-Irish squatter, French & Indian war, Voyageurs, Revolutionary War, Western Fur Trade, Plains Indian tepees, Woodland Indian wigwams, muzzleloading shooting and tomahawk throw-

ing contests, historic canoe landing and fur trade skit, canoe rides.

Cheppeway Village portrays frontier Northern Indiana of 1830s: 36 barn-board booths for pioneer and Indian crafts, log cabin trading post, post office, frontier blab school, storyteller, 18th century puppet show.

Foods will be cooked over wood fires, such as buffalo burgers, ham and beans, chicken and noodles, barbecue, apple dumplings, chowder, Indian fry bread and more. Traditional crafts will include wood carving, candle dipping, pewter casting, blacksmithing, broom mak-

ing, spinning and weaving, quill and beadwork, etc.

Programs will be on two stages, Cheppeway Village and Hillside Amphitheater. Funded in part by Indiana Arts Commission, they will include period music and dance, frontier fashion show, historic skits and Indian lore.

A Woodland Indian Village by Potawatomi and Miami Indians will show traditional Indian crafts, weaving, basket making, grinding corn and beadwork. Descendants of 1838 Trail of Death are invited and honored.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

This is the second in a series of articles designed to keep tribal members better informed about issues facing the Business Committee and how they deal with them. This month's article features Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

Q. As a professional business educator and facilitator, what do you see as the most important element in the tribe's successful enterprises?

A. One of the most important contributing factors to successful tribal business ventures is staying current on laws and trends affecting Indian enterprises. That goes along with all the other sound business practices which include, but are not limited to, skilled financing, marketing, acquisition and accounting procedures.

I was afforded the opportunity recently to attend the Oklahoma Small Business Recognition Banquet in Oklahoma City. I was proud that a tribal leader from our area, Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, was named Minority Advocate of the Year. The people in this state who are involved with the Small Business Administration, state and local chambers of commerce and other organizations promoting economic development realize the importance of the tribes and their leaders.

The elected officials of the tribes not only have to possess the attributes of good leadership, they must be skilled and astute business men and women. To compliment that leadership, I believe that our own Business Committee has excelled in providing an effective administration and staff.

Q. What do you see as the biggest challenge in the immediate future?

A. We must always be "on our toes" to meet the challenge of constant change. Change is a frightful thing for many people — just knowing that it is around the corner makes you apprehensive. A good example of change and how it will affect our tribe is Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). EDI has been adopted by our federal government in an effort to streamline the way of doing business.

It basically represents a push to conduct business in a more efficient, effective way with less paper for government officials and employees to maintain. So computers have been promoted from a "part of life" to "a way of life." For people who have no knowledge of the use of computers, EDI represents fear and stress. But, I think our employees realize they must be prepared for change in many aspects of business practices.

Q. What is your basic philosophy of tribal government?

A. I believe that whether we're perceived as tribal leaders or business leaders, we must not forget the most important part of this tribe is the membership. Keeping that perspective, we more easily become the masters of what I refer to as "expression and connection." We will express ourselves more favorably when we think of others. We will connect in a more positive manner when we consider others first.

I always appreciate an occasion to speak to the membership through the HowNiKan. It presents an opportunity for me to send a special message.

Capps and her husband Roy have been married almost 30 years. "We have three wonderful children, a grandchild and a son-in-law," she said. "It seems that our children make us proud to be parents almost every day!"



DONATIONS TO THE HOWNIKAN

John & Sondra Bicker, WA - \$10
Leann Miller, IN - \$5
Dick Bess, WY - \$20
Robert & Pauline Shearer, TX - \$20
Matt & Jennifer Porter, CA - \$5

Richard & Johnyce Alders, TX - \$50
Gerald & Judith Whitehead, WA - \$5
Vernice A. Slaven, CA - \$10

NORTH TEXAS

DFW Airport Marriott • April 29, 1995



Tribal members listened intently and asked questions during the Dallas area Regional Council



Dorothy Whitebread, 77, of Dallas was the Wisest. She also received many compliments on her appearance.



The lights were bright but that didn't keep this unidentified baby boy from catching a few winks!



John Kessler who lives in Arkansas traveled the longest distance. He received a gift from the Gift Shop.



Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert discusses day-to-day operations.



Davis Hobdy and Susan Wesley, daughter and son of Marjorie Hobdy, registered Tribal members and guests.



Marjorie Hobdy, regional coordinator, begins the meeting by welcoming all who came.

NORTH TEXAS

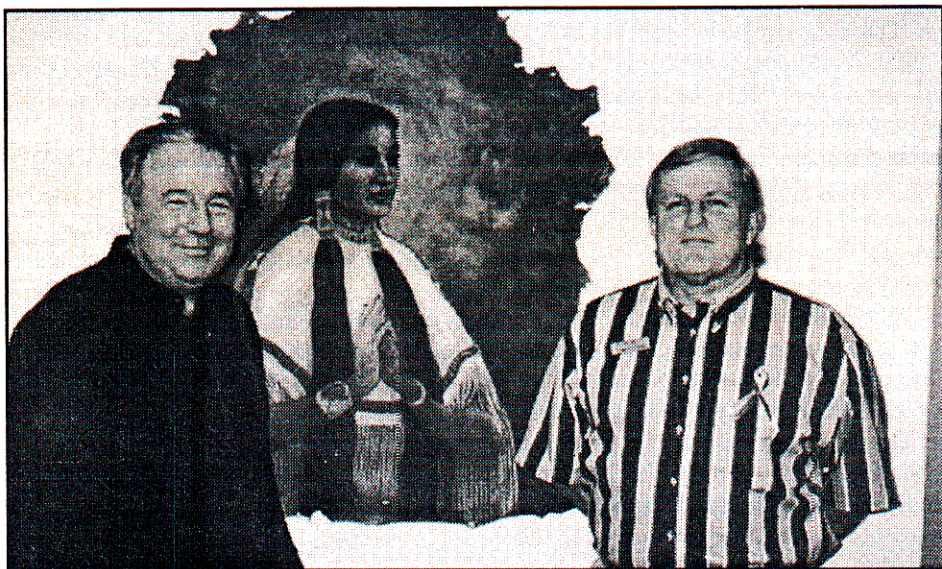
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Jim and Judy Cavender of Mesquite, Texas, brought samples of their "Hot Stuff Salsa" to give to Tribal members. They are shown with Committeemen Hilton Melot, left, and J.P. Motley, right.



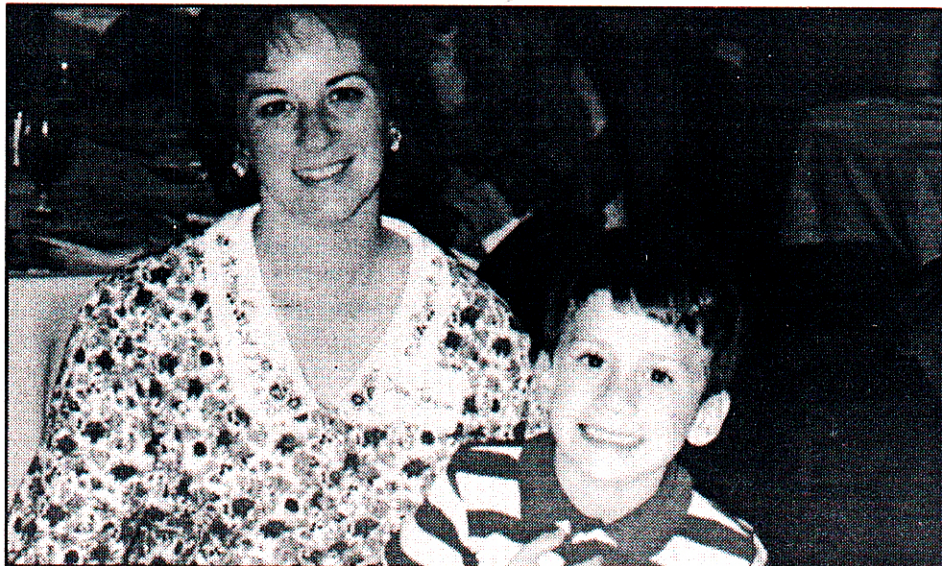
The Business Committee toured the American Indian Center while in Dallas. Tribal members Craig Anderson and Karin Kreger arranged the tour. They are shown here with other staff members at the center.



Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, left, and Hilton Melot are pictured next to a painting on the wall of the American Indian Center.



Items brought from the Museum and Gift Shop by Esther Lowden attracted a great deal of attention during the meeting.



Five-Year-Old Bradley Johnson was the youngest enrolled Tribal member present. He is shown with his mother, Dena.



They signed up two at a time and sometimes more to be part of the North Texas Regional Council!



ANNUAL REPORTS

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Accounting

The Accounting Office is responsible for fiscal maintenance of all tribal programs. This department consists of three accountants. Every transaction is generated by a fully computerized management program and all financial reports are generated by the computer. The Accounting Department produces all monthly, quarterly and annual reports. Daily input of transactions provide for current balances of every program.

Monthly revenue, expenditures and budget analysis are produced for each tribal program and are presented to the Business Committee each month.

We are currently responsible for 51 different funds. These include Federal, BIA, IHS and other various programs.

Personnel and payroll records are maintained in the Accounting Department and a current and accurate record of each employee is on file. The Accounting Department also handles the processing of the tribal employees' health insurance claims and the retirement program.

This department has received a prestigious award for the last six years. The 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993 audits won the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Governmental Accounting.

Our IDC rate has dropped 6% this year due to the fact that three of our funds nearly doubled. Ironically, the same three funds are at risk for drastic cuts, as they have been a part of the "welfare reform" bill.

Our computer equipment is fast becoming obsolete. The original equipment (an IBM 360) was purchased as used equipment in 1986. The software we use for fund accounting is in need of updates also. We are looking forward to updating our system this summer and plan to be ready to go on-line beginning our new fiscal year October 1, 1995. We have been involved in the preliminary ground work of the tribe's proposed compact with Indian Health Service. This department is looking forward to the impact the self governance project will bring to accounting functions. The anticipated changes will result in a major challenge for our accounting personnel.

Carolyn Sullivan

service area (old reservation area), with resources needed to acquire job skills necessary to obtain full-time employment. The program also provides guidance and counseling to participants and helps assist them to make career choices. It offers a variety of vocational training options, and helps assist them to make career choices. It offers a variety of vocational training options, and helps them heighten their awareness and ability to be more competitive in the job market. There were 24 participants, with 10 completions, for a total of 34 participating in program activities.

The Employment Assistance Program is designed to assist Indian people who have already obtained jobs with assistance until they receive their first paycheck.

Assistance is provided to those eligible Indian participants residing in the tribal service area, (old reservation boundaries). Assistance may also be provided to participants who have found jobs outside the tribal service area and need to move to accept a specific job offer. Total participation in the Direct Employment activities was nine.

Carol Clay-Levi

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Agriculture

The performance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) trust responsibilities to the Indian owners of trust or restricted land has been contracted by the Citizen Band Potawatomi (CBP) Tribe. The Land Operations Officer in charge of agriculture is responsible for all surface leases (farming and grazing), conservation, and environmental protection of the trust or restricted land. At the end of 1994, there are 35 farming and grazing leases in force covering a total of 3,214 acres which represents 90% of all CBP allotted lands.

Land Operations conducts one or two advertised lease sales each year, prepares the leases and collects the annual lease fees. The fees collected are forwarded to the IIM Accounts Section at the Anadarko Area Office for distribution to the Indian owners.

Each tract of land is inspected several times throughout the year (90 to 100 inspections) to insure compliance with the farming and grazing or oil and gas lease terms, the National Environmental Policy Act, conservation policies, and farm plans. Farm plans include the installation of fences, proper range and pasture management, and the carrying capacities of pastureland. During 1994, nine farm plans were prepared and implemented; four environmental audits were prepared for

acquisition and disposal purposes; two new access roads were constructed and a flood control project on another was completed through a cooperative effort with the County Commissioner; a total of one and one-half miles of new fence was installed; and four oil and gas well-sites were restored.

Brian Eddleman

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Attorney

The tribal attorney has provided continuing advice to the members of the Business Committee on a variety of matters. Unlike prior years, most of this fiscal year's tribal attorney expenses have not arisen from litigation.

I. Litigation: The Potawatomi Tribe has successfully appeared as an amicus, is prosecuting a suit preserving reservation boundaries, and is monitoring a potential contract lawsuit.

A. Tribal Court Judgment — On May 17, 1990, the Potawatomi moved for leave to file an amicus curiae brief and suggestion of mootness in a case that originated in state court.

The Potawatomi tribal court entered a judgment of divorce in January of 1989. Approximately one year later, the divorce decree was challenged by a suit filed in Cleveland County district court. The state district court dismissed the case suggesting the plaintiff pursue tribal remedies. The plaintiff not only appealed the state court decision, but also and initiated a new action in Potawatomi Tribal Court challenging the validity of the divorce.

The Potawatomi Tribal Court held the divorce was properly granted. This decision was affirmed after an appeal to the Potawatomi Supreme Court.

The Oklahoma Court of Appeals acknowledged that Oklahoma courts had long recognized tribal divorces and that the Potawatomi Tribal Court had jurisdiction over Oklahoma residents who voluntarily submitted to the court's jurisdiction. However, the appeals court remanded the case to the district court for a determination if the "foreign judgment was obtained by fraud."

After the Oklahoma Court of Appeals denied a motion for rehearing, the Oklahoma Supreme Court granted a petition for certiorari. On July 19, 1994, the Oklahoma Supreme Court acknowledged that Potawatomi Tribal Court judgments should be accorded full faith and credit subject, however, to the same general principles of law that apply to any foreign judgment. Thus, the Supreme Court remanded the case to the district court on the issues of subject matter jurisdiction and extrinsic fraud.

Oklahoma officially recognized Potawatomi court judgments as argued by the Potawatomi appearing as amicus. This case was filed February 16, 1990, and, up to May 1, 1995, had been pending 1,900 days or 5.2 years. Patricia K. Barrett, now Patricia K. Sulcer v. John A. Barrett, Jr., No. 75,014 (Okla. Sup. Ct.)

B. Potawatomi Reservation — The Potawatomi sued the Anadarko Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), L.W. Collier, Jr., when he claimed that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Indians has the same reservation boundaries as the Potawatomi. Because of this erroneous claim, the BIA refused to follow federal regulations and obtain the written permission of the Potawatomi prior to taking land in trust for the Absentee Shawnee within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries.

Without deciding the merits, the district court dismissed the action on the basis that the Potawatomi had failed to join an indispensable party, to-wit: the Absentee Shawnee.

The Potawatomi appealed to the Tenth Circuit. On January 25, 1994, a panel of the Tenth Circuit heard oral argument in the case, and on February 25, issued an opinion reversing the district court's dismissal of the Potawatomi action.

Upon remand, the district court reinstated an order preventing the BIA from taking land in trust for the Absentee Shawnee and ordered the Potawatomi to exhaust administrative remedies, if any, before the case could proceed.

On October 12, 1994, the Anadarko Area Office issued a letter advising the tribe of its right to appeal the area office's September 17, 1992 denial letter. The Potawatomi timely filed an appeal. The case has been fully briefed and is pending before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

This case was filed October 30, 1992, and, up to May 1, 1995, had been pending a period of 913 days, or 2.5 years. Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma v. Collier, 17 F.3d 1292 (10th Cir. Okla. 1994); Citizen Band Potawatomi v. Anadarko Area Director, Dk. No. IBIA 95-45-A (Nov. 28, 1994).

C. Breach of Contract — On November 7, 1994, the Potawatomi received notice from a contractor claiming to have an agreement to construct a roof on the new bank building. The contractor claims that the tribe breached the contract and owes damages of \$32,600 (the difference between the contract price and the price of the contractor's subcontracting agreement). The contractor invoked the arbitration clause in the contract with the tribe. In response to the request for arbitration, the Potawatomi asserted sovereignty and challenged the validity of the contract. Although responding to the arbitrator, the Potawatomi did not acquiesce

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Adult Vocational Training

This program offers assistance for eligible Indian people residing in the tribal



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to arbitration nor waive any rights or defenses. On March 1, 1995, the contractor asserted that the Potawatomi waived sovereignty by entering into the contract. The arbiter announced that an arbitration date would be set in Oklahoma City.

II. Compacts. The Potawatomi have negotiated a cross-deputization compact and are pursuing two others:

A. Cross Deputization — Although Pottawatomie County officials and the Potawatomi Police Department have been cooperating for some time, no formal compact was signed until March 28, 1994. On April 6, this compact was forwarded to the Chief Counsel to the governor of Oklahoma for his signature and subsequent approval by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations. On December 29, 1994, the Compact was signed by the governor and approved by the Joint Committee. The executed compact should "be filed with the Secretary of State." 74 O.S. 1994 Supp., 1221, E. However, the Secretary of State has been unable to locate the approved compact. The Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations apparently erroneously sent the executed compact to the Bureau of Indian Affairs which is now trying to locate it.

B. Gaming (Off-Track Betting) — On April 19, the governor acknowledged receipt of the tribe's notice of an intent to enter negotiations for a tribal-state compact governing the conduct of off-track betting, a Class III gaming activity. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA"), a state must negotiate in good faith and enter a compact within 180 days of a tribal request or a tribe may bring suit. 25 U.S.C.A. 2710 (d) (7) (B) (i). The 180-day period will expire on or about October 16, 1995. The Potawatomi expect to hear shortly from the governor's representative so that active negotiations can begin.

Michael A. Minnis

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Bingo

With continuing support from tribal leadership, Fire Lake Entertainment Center has completed another profitable year for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. (All audit and financial information is available in the Annual Audit Report).

October 1, 1995, was my first day as bingo hall General Manager and Tribal Director of Gaming. I am both honored and excited with the opportunity to represent the tribe in these capacities. I served as an assistant to the previous general manager and feel as though this experience enables me to better appreciate and

understand the direction tribal leaders envision for gaming opportunities for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. At present, Business Committee members, J. D. Colbert, Bob Trousdale, Gene Bruno and myself are actively pursuing alternative gaming devices and methods which will enhance the tribe's ability to better provide for its members.

Your present "flagship" for gaming is the bingo hall. The hall employs 37 full-time and part-time employees, who are arguably the best group assembled at any gaming facility. All employees have diligently worked toward improving revenue and lowering expenses while maintaining the integrity and the fine reputation your bingo hall has within the industry. We feel as though we have accomplished these goals on all fronts.

From October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1995, the hall generated a core gaming net of \$757,740 versus \$717,153 for the same time period in 1994. This is just over a 5% increase. Expenses were \$527,532.00 for 1995 and \$536,892 for 1994, for a 2% decrease. This represents a full 7% revenue increase for the bingo hall. Attendance has also increased from 64,145 to 65,335 for a 2% increase. With many tribal halls throughout the state struggling during this period of bingo saturation, we are very proud of our efforts and our results.

Although we are pleased with our past performance, we realize we are obligated to continually look for and develop more exciting games, increase our player base, and generally provide a more comfortable atmosphere for our players. And we are presently working toward these intentions.

Chairman Barrett recently signed an agreement with an electronic bingo service corporation which will allow us to upgrade our present stationary bingo devices to a more user-friendly status. Not only will this increase player participation, but we were also able to negotiate a more favorable revenue split for the tribe.

With the addition of the bowling center, it is inevitable that exposure to bingo will be facilitated to a greater degree among the populace, consequently increasing our player base. Stan Raymer and I have discussed activities which will enable both enterprises to benefit from one another. Other advantages the bingo hall will receive from the new construction are a new air exchange system and a revamped parking area and sidewalks. The air system will essentially produce a near smoke-free environment for players and employees, thus providing a more attractive climate for gaming. With the expansion of the parking area, we hope to have additional handicap parking spaces installed, as well as some possible landscaping which will magnify this excellent new complex.

As you can imagine, this is a very

exciting time for all of us at Fire Lake Entertainment Center. When you are in the area please stop by for a visit, and if you have an opportunity to play, we would be delighted to entertain you.

If you should have any questions or comments contact Rocky Barrett, Linda Capps, Bob Davis, Hilton Melot, J. P. Motley, J. D. Colbert, Bob Trousdale or Gene Bruno, the Tribal Gaming Commissioner. These individuals have been very supportive of us here at Fire Lake Entertainment Center, and we appreciate each of them. As for myself, my door is always open. Feel free to come by any time.

George Teafatiller

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Bowling Center

The Fire Lake Bowling Center is nearing completion. The Brunswick Corporation has been on sight installing the bowling lanes and pinsetters. The overall building is quickly taking the shape of one of the most beautiful bowling centers in Oklahoma. The center is certainly setting the standard for state-of-the-art bowling. Visitors stop by daily and ask for tours and to watch the construction. Everyone is amazed at the process.

We received a very pleasant and unexpected surprise recently. When the pinsetters arrived we were expecting the GS-92 Series. When the cartons were opened, we found Brunswick had shipped us the updated version called GS-96. The main difference in this equipment is a specially updated electronics package. This will just be another highlight in this magnificent bowling center. We have 24 lanes called "Anvilane" which is a synthetic lane surface.

Leagues of all types are currently being formed. These include men's, women's, mixed, youth, parent/youth, as well as a senior citizens leagues. Response has been incredible considering we are not even open yet! We will also offer bookings for bowling parties for companies, church groups, or anyone else who would be interested. We will also have "colorama" for adults and a special session for senior citizens.

All kitchen equipment has been ordered as well as carpeting, tile, and the "little extras" which set us apart from all other centers in Oklahoma. I would like to announce Teri Ramsey has been hired as our kitchen manager. Teri comes to us from our own Fire Lake Restaurant with high praises. We are indeed fortunate to have her on our staff. We have begun to hire the remainder of our employees which will number about 35 personnel.

We here at Fire Lake Bowling Center look forward to meeting all of you at the

Pow Wow in June. Don't forget to sign up for the No-Tap Tournament we will conduct during this time frame. Just give us a call here at 1-405-275-2855 and we will get you registered.

Stan Raymer

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Child Protection

The Office of Child Protection is charged with investigating allegations of child abuse on Indian Trust Land. In the last year this office has worked closely with the tribal police and the F.B.I. to investigate crimes against children which have occurred on Potawatomi Trust Land or crimes perpetrated against Potawatomi children living in Indian housing.

The Child Protection worker received a total of 89 allegations of abuse against Potawatomi children. Nineteen of these were complaints of physical abuse; 43 were charges of neglect and 8 were allegations of sexual molestation. Fifty-one (60%) of these charges were confirmed to be abuse. Two of the charges involved crimes against children. In these cases, federal charges by the United States District Attorney are awaiting further investigations by the F.B.I.

Rick Short

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Community Health Representative

The Community Health Representative Program — "CHR" — is funded by Indian Health Service. The program includes an R.N. director, R.N. CHR Coordinator/Health Educator, R.N. Staff CHR, L.P.N. CHR, CHR Generalist, part-time secretary and a home health aide.

The CHR Program is designed to improve the health, knowledge, attitudes, practices, and quality of life of American Indians. CHRs know the "heart beat" of our people and communities; therefore, CHRs are there to serve.

CHR's work with the WIC Program in regards to medical certification for children and their mothers. A maternal/child program is in operation to instruct parents in regards to prenatal and care of the newborn. A program to instruct teenagers in regards to body awareness gives them the knowledge and skill to take care of their bodies. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for elders helps to

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keep them knowledgeable in regards to disease process. The immunization follow-up helps to see that children are properly immunized. Each fall flu injections are given to the elders who wish to participate. Nursing assessment and follow-up care are given which includes a diabetic and hypertensive education program in the home. Medications are delivered to those unable to pick up their medications at the pharmacy.

We have blood pressure and blood sugar screenings once a month at nutrition program sites: Citizen Band Potawatomi, Maud, Asher, and Wanette. Also, clients come to the office on a daily basis for blood pressure and blood sugars to be monitored. CHR's participated in health planning screening for the Minority Women of Color Conference.

We held and instructed three blood pressure certification classes for the state CHR's. Joyce Abel and Loretta Miller are the only R.N. CHR's in the state who are certified to teach the Blood Pressure Certification Class. We participated in the ICIC Program (Intervention Council for Indian Children), a group working with developmentally delayed and/or at risk children in the Shawnee area. CHR's completed a health needs assessment survey for tribal members in the service unit area: for ages 18 - 50, 570 surveys were sent and 106 tribal members returned their surveys. For age 50 and older, 270 surveys were sent and 156 returned. The surveys will assist in evaluating and planning for future health care to be implemented.

The Home Health Aide is available to those tribal members who are unable to do their routine chores in the home and to those caregivers that need a break when caring for their family.

SERVICES PROVIDED

FROM MAY 1994 TO MAY 1995

Medication deliveries	230
Contacts/home visits	15,029
Phone contacts	1,660
Individuals screened	7,784
WIC participants certified	726
Health, nutrition & child care ed ...	726
Patient advocate	1,400
Home health aide care contacts	120
Hours of training	346
Referrals	220

Loretta Miller

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Contract Health Services

The following is a report of Contract Health Services awarded to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe on September 15, 1992. The program is monitored by Indian Health Service Contract num-

ber 246-92-0060 with J.D. Colbert serving as the Contract Administrator. The purpose of the Contract Health Service is to be an advocate and facilitator for individuals and families to gain access to comprehensive health care services.

The amount of the award for fiscal year 1995 is \$262,608. Of this amount, \$194,389 is used directly for medical care, and the remaining \$68,219 is used primarily for salaries, supplies, fringe benefits, etc. However, allotments of undermined amounts are received throughout the year. The CHS office currently has a clientele of 767 patients, some new clients, but most recurring. Therefore, the use of alternate resources, such as Medicare, private insurance and Oklahoma Medicaid is very essential to the program. To expand those medical dollars, the officers strive to obtain the best medical care at the most reasonable prices, often negotiating with each medical provider for price reductions.

The Contract Health Office for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has been in operation since October of 1992. The office is occupied by employees Marla Taylor and Sheila Scott, CHS Officer.

The Contract Health Program is accessible only to those tribal members residing in Cleveland, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie counties in Oklahoma. The purpose of the program is to obtain medical/dental services not accessible in this and surrounding area Indian Health Facilities. An Indian Health Physician generates a medical referral for medical services. Each medical need is the classified according to its urgency, with those needing immediate treatment being funded. Those of non-urgent medical services are deferred until additional funding becomes available.

For more information, contact the Contract Health Office (405)275-3121 or 1-800-880-9880, located in the Administration Building of the Potawatomi Tribal Complex. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For those non-Oklahoman or non-county tribal members, the Contract Health Office will be happy to assist you in locating an Indian Health Facility accessible to you or direct you to a Public Assistance Organization.

Marla Taylor

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Elder Nutrition - Title VI

Administration on Aging Grant 93070K2689

The goals of this program are nutrition, information and referral and socialization. Nutrition services are provided through congregate meals served

at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Complex, Monday through Friday, to our elders and their spouses. For those who are homebound, we provide home delivered meals. We also provide a health screening on a monthly basis.

For the fiscal year of 1994, we provided 12,717 congregate meals; home delivered 3,634 meals; provided transportation to 3,369; info/referral for 5,496; outreach to 1,086; 210 telephone calls, shipping for 390; recreation to 4,081; and physical fitness for 357.

Our social activities include table games, dancing, trips, ceramics, oil painting, birthday dinners and bingo. We will also be bowling soon.

For those Tribal members 55 years of age and older that are interested in joining our program, please come by our site or contact Denise Lackey, Program Director.

Denise Lackey

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Employment & Training

The Employment and Training programs receive two grants through the Department of Labor, Division of Indian and Native American Programs to provide employment and training activities for low income and economically disadvantaged American Indians in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln and Payne Counties. These grants fund two programs: JTPA Title IV-A for adults and Summer Youth Program, Title II-B. The Adult Title IV Program is designed to target services to clients with multiple barriers to employment. The program consists of classroom training and work experience training at various worksites.

The training goals are:

1. To provide basic skills training which will qualify hard-to-serve clients for further education or training
2. Career assessment and counseling
3. To provide career assessments and counseling
4. To provide training opportunities in the ten highest demand occupations

The work experience training goals are:

1. To provide orientation for good work ethics
2. To provide employment search and assistance
3. To provide employment referrals and placement
4. To provide support services.

The program was monitored in April by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs who gave praise to

the program for an outstanding job. The Potawatomi Tribe will be recognized at the National Employment and Training Conference when two of three possible awards will be given to two participants in the program.

During the program year, the Employment & Training Program has served 101 persons in classroom training; 22 were GED participants, 7 were in on-the-job training, 34 in the Work Experience activity, 6 on Community Service Employment, and 90 received Supportive Services to assist clients with work related support.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

TITLE II-B

The second grant is the Summer Youth Program designed to provide work experience and learning opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth, school drop-outs and youth-at-risk not going back to school. Citizen Band Potawatomi Employment & Training Staff are presently in the planning process with Tecumseh Schools for an enhanced educational program for the Summer Youth. Some worksite training will be available for the older Summer Youth participants.

The program helps motivate youth to become responsible for their future, upgrade their academic achievement levels, to complete high school, and to set career goals.

The Summer Youth Program served 104 participants during the summer of 1994. Several of the summer youth participants gained permanent employment as a result of the youth training program.

Although the last session of Congress approved the funding for the 1995 Summer Youth Program, the House of Representatives approved a rescission of the program as well as the budget. The Senate was given the bill; however, they are expected to disapprove of the rescission and restore the budget. Once this happens, then it goes into Committee of the House and Senate for negotiations. This may happen as late as May 15; however DINAP has instructed grantees to pursue plans for implementation of the 1995 Summer Youth Program.

We are presently pooling Summer Youth applications for the selection process. If you are an Indian youth ages 14-21, please do not wait to complete your application and provide eligibility information to our staff. Call (405) 275-3121 ext. 261 for further information or come by 9-4 weekdays to obtain applications.

These programs are essential to the economy of the Indian people. Without them there is no assurance that Indian people will receive the services through the state programs. Write to your Senators and Congressmen in support of Indian programs.

Norman Kiker



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Enterprise Accounting

The Enterprise Accounting Office is in the process of looking into the possibility of changing to a PC-based accounting environment with better enterprise accounting software which would greatly improve the efficiency of our office. We hope to eventually be able to network all the enterprises into the accounting department. This would allow us to electronically transfer the data from each enterprise directly into the accounting department computers which will eliminate entering the same information twice or sometimes even three times. We will be able to process information on a more timely basis and provide the enterprise managers with more effective reports to help them in their daily management decisions.

We have one new enterprise, the Tecumseh Smoke Shop, up and running and one new one, Fire Lake Lanes, in the construction process. This brings the total number of enterprises to seven, not including First Oklahoma Bank. We have had a really exciting year watching these two new enterprises take shape and we are looking forward to what may be coming in the future.

We also shared in the honor, again this year, with the Fund Accounting Office in achieving the Government Financial Officers Association's award for Excellence in Accounting. This is the sixth year in a row that our accounting departments have won this award. We hope to continue this trend for many years to come.

Susan Blair

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

First Offenders

The First Offender Program is a short term treatment program for juveniles and their families. Juveniles attending the program have been arrested for a minor offense and are court ordered to the program. Parents must attend with the juvenile. The program accepts all juveniles referred by the state and tribal court systems in the Shawnee area. This program is considered to be an early deterrent to further penetration into the juvenile justice system by the juvenile.

The program implemented by the Potawatomi Tribe has received wide recognition across the state and nation. Only 9% of the juveniles attending the program are re-arrested within 6 months following the program. The program

operates with three permanent staff and utilizes some guest speakers such as a judge, police officer and gang awareness worker.

In the previous year, 67 juveniles attended and graduated from the program. These juveniles were arrested and charged with a total of 96 crimes. In the group were 17 females with an average age of 15 and 50 males with an average age of 15 years and 2 months. Eighty-three parents attended the program.

Nine juveniles did not graduate from the program. These nine juveniles had a total of 21 crimes charged against them. The average age of the dropouts was 13.8 years.

Index of charges on the 67 juveniles: 28 shoplifting, 21 burglary, 21 drug alcohol related, 9 truancy, 7 vandalism, 4 run-away, 3 assault and 3 auto theft. The program does not accept juveniles who are repeat offenders or have committed major crimes involving weapons.

Rick Short

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Golf Course

Fire Lake has had a successful year in many ways. We continue to find different ways to improve the inside and outside operations.

Last year our golf shop sales were \$59,112; this fiscal year our sales were \$65,893, an increase of \$6,781. Last year golf course made a gross profit \$480,020; this fiscal year was \$504,896, an increase of \$24,876. We feel like a lot of the continued success is the friendly family atmosphere and the continuing quality and improvements to the golf course.

Our golf course has reached a certain level of quality which we must maintain to continue the success and improvements we hope to carry on in the future. A lot of our success goes to our fertilizer and spray program. The last two years that program has averaged around \$32,000. Staying constant with the program means we now have fewer problems with weeds, diseases and insects. Being consistent with this program for the past 3 years we can now maintain the quality for about \$25,000 with a savings of \$7,000 a year.

We had an earlier article in the HowNiKan about becoming a national member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. There are only 28 golf courses in the U.S. who are members. We make 29, and are the first in Oklahoma. The Audubon program is set up to help preserve wildlife and our land, which we as an Indian tribe have an obligation to our heritage.

We will be hosting another 85+ golf tournaments. Some tournaments of in-

terest are the 9th Annual Potawatomi Indian Golf Tournament, 3-A High School State Tournament, Fire Lake Classic and Lonestar Tour Tournament. The Lonestar Tour gave \$870,000 in prize money last year. We feel it's a privilege and compliment to host these types of tournaments.

We at Fire Lake are proud of our golf course and where we work. We only hope to continue to improve. We extend an invitation to you and your friends to come and play or tour the golf course.

Golf Professional Mike Wood

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Higher Education Grant

As a contracted tribe, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe administers the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Program for its eligible tribal members. As the cost of a college education increases annually, the supplemental financial aid offered by this program has helped many students to work towards and obtain a bachelor's degree in his or her chosen field.

Financial need is determined by the college or university's financial aid office and is used to determine eligibility for assistance. Students awarded grants maintain eligibility by earning no less than a C average, carrying at least 12 hours per semester, and remaining in a financial need status.

For the 1994-95 school year there were 79 students receiving grants for the fall semester and 67 for the spring semester. Of this number 28 were continuing students and the remainder new students. For the fall semester \$39,450 was awarded in grants and \$34,500 for the spring. There were an additional 37 applications received but not funded due to being incomplete. We anticipate 18 students will complete their senior year and graduate.

Ed Herndon

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Indian Child Welfare

The Indian Child Welfare Program is charged with the care and treatment of Potawatomi children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The program has jurisdiction over all Potawatomi children nationwide when the court action is based on a charge of a neglect or abuse. The program received a Certificate of Special Achievement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the preceding year. This is the sixth year that the program has been rec-

ognized for outstanding performance above and beyond the call of duty.

This year, the program has been contacted 148 times regarding divorce custody actions involving Potawatomi children. Unfortunately, the tribe has no jurisdiction or power to intervene and assure that the children remain with their Indian parent in these divorces. Federal law prohibits the ICW Program from intervening through the Tribal Court into divorce custody actions involving tribal children.

The tribe currently has 55 children in foster care or in relative placement. In the preceding year, there were a total of 40 guardianships or adoptions completed involving Potawatomi children. However, the tribe does not operate an adoption agency and does not have any children available for adoption at the present time. Under tribal law, all children removed by the tribe from their parents are placed with blood relatives. If a child is adopted out of the Tribal Child Welfare system, it is usually by an aunt or grandparent. The Tribal ICW office has received over 300 contacts from persons seeking to adopt a child.

This year, the ICW Office in cooperation with the American Humane Association has certified 18 Child Sexual Abuse Investigators from sixteen tribes. Those receiving certifications were police officers, child protection workers and child welfare workers. In order to be certified, these persons completed over 80 hours of training and must pass a written test as well as an interviewing skill demonstration test.

Rick Short

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Law Enforcement

For the year ending 1994, approximately 74,590 miles were patrolled by the Potawatomi Tribal Police. Our function is to protect and serve the Indian communities and tribal enterprises 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our department also assists other law enforcement agencies in the surrounding area and, in turn, those agencies assist our department when needed. The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department assisted other agencies approximately 150 times in 1994 and were assisted by other agencies approximately 115 times.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department consists of one chief of police; one sergeant; three full-time patrol officers; and two part-time patrol officers. All officers are either state certified or C.L.E.E.T. reserve certified.

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On occasion, Potawatomi tribal officers patrol the Sacred Heart area. There are four reserve officers who are cross-commissioned through the tribe. Those four officers patrol the Sacred Heart area on a daily basis.

A Cross-Deputization Agreement was signed by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee and the Pottawatomie County Commissioners in December 1994. The agreement was also signed and approved by a committee of the House of Representatives and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma. We are the only tribe who has such an agreement.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department plays a crucial part in the protection of all tribal property and employees.

David Kubiak

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Museum & Gift Shop

The Potawatomi Tribal Museum had 4,123 visitors to sign the guest book last year. We had groups from China, Japan, Germany, Mexico, Canada, England, and Australia. We had groups from Choctaw Senior Citizens, Chickasaw Senior Citizens and other Senior Citizen groups from here in Shawnee and Tecumseh.

R.V. groups from all over the United States used our camp grounds several times through the year and visited the museum and gift shop.

We were visited by several schools and colleges in the area as well as Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups. We only wish we had room to show more of the Potawatomi clothing, beadwork and other items of interest.

We have been giving tours that have the information about the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and the removal from the North. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. At this time we have not decided to open on Sundays.

The Gift Shop is growing in the number of supply items we are selling and we are also carrying more Pendleton blankets. This fall we will be having more jackets, vests, caps and bags. We are carrying more pottery and craft items made by the different Indian tribes in the area. Fringe went up in price per yard (25 cents) but we are still the lowest price in the state. We have people come from different parts of the state to buy their beading supplies and fringe. Mail orders are good and we seem to do real well since the pow wow T-shirts have come in. The year we are using the "Eagle Dancer" from Woody Crumbo art work.

Also, the schools have been doing more

Native American craft work with the JOM programs and Title VI programs. We sell a lot of supplies to schools in the area as well as other parts of the state.

I have been asked to speak at schools and tell about our tribe as it has grown. Because of all the businesses we have plus the bank, they see us as "successful."

We have two full time workers now, Susan Larney and Romona Tainpeah. Also, two college students are part time, Letitia Shields and Michelle Clay. Letitia and Michelle started with us when they were in high school and on the J.T.P.A. program, and have been with us for five years now. We are very proud of these girls and want to thank them for caring about their work and wanting to stay with us.

Pow Wow is just around the corner and we will be getting ready for all tribal members and visitors who are calling and writing that they will be here for the Pow Wow and wanting to buy things to take home.

We are so thankful we had another good year and hope to grow in sales and visitors in this new year. Thank you to the Business Committee.

Esther Lowden

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Pharmacy

The Pharmacy is open to all enrolled tribal members and dependents. Members 60 years of age and over receive their prescriptions at no charge. Members under 50 years of age who are treated by IHS also receive their prescriptions at no charge. All other prescriptions are cost plus 10%.

From May 1994 to May 1995 8,150 prescriptions were filled and 4,110 patients were counseled. Inventory as of April 21, 1995, was \$19,310.

A computer program is in our future. This will enable the pharmacy to bill patients' medical insurance and Medicare for prescriptions. The program will also aid in keeping a complete medical history on each patient and give a drug monograph on each medication.

Tom Sauer

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Real Property Management

As a part of the contracted Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Programs, the Real Property Management Program, administered by the Realty Director, pro-

vides technical advice, assistance, and documentation for all types of land transactions involving trust and/or restricted real property owned by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, individual tribal members and members of other tribes who own trust or restricted land within the boundaries of the Citizen Band Potawatomi reservation. The transactions include tribal fee to trust land acquisitions; fee patents; oil and gas leases; business leases; lease assignments; and rights-of-way. As of Dec. 31, 1994, there were 24 oil and gas leases and two new leases pending.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi reservation consists of the trust or restricted land within the following boundaries:

North of the South Canadian River, East of the Indian Meridian, South of the North Canadian River, and West of the Seminole County line.

At the close of 1994, the 51 tracts of trust or restricted land within these boundaries totaled 3,248 acres in Pottawatomie County and 770 acres in Cleveland County. At present there are approximately 1,250 owners of undivided interests in trust or restricted land.

The Realty Director is available by appointment to assist persons owning trust or restricted land interests under our jurisdiction in estate planning and preparation of wills. Probate casework for the disposition of trust real property owned by deceased tribal members is assembled and transmitted to the Administrative Law Judge, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior in Oklahoma City. At the beginning of 1994 there were 27 probate cases in process. An additional 26 cases were received during the year affecting the ownership of 28 tracts of trust or restricted land.

Dovie Sheridan

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Restaurant

The past year has been challenging here at the restaurant. The year began with steady sales and finished in December with the largest single month in sales (\$70,000) and also the largest in terms of profit.

In the first quarter of 1995, competition increased in the Shawnee area with a Red Lobster and a Shoney's Restaurant. Since their opening we have experienced a slow down in business. This is due to the general public's natural interest in new dining establishments. We do not expect this to be a continued trend in Shawnee; as a matter of fact, as of this report, business is on an upswing. The month of May will bring high school

reunion banquets, wedding rehearsal dinners, golf tournament cookouts and other springtime-related events.

Fire Lake Restaurant is at a crossroads in its menu offering, and is considering adding items unique to Native American cuisine. Some of these dishes, which will come from the influence of Loretta Barrett Oden, a Potawatomi tribal member who owns and operates the "Corn Dance Cafe" in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will include a variety of meat pies called "Little Big Pies" and Buffalo Ribeye Steaks.

We believe these additions will not only give Fire Lake Restaurant a unique personality, but will also offer our customers a healthy and tasty alternative.

We look forward to a year of compelling challenges — reducing total food cost, controlling labor and boosting profits.

Vernon Houck

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Scholarship Foundation

The office of Tribal Rolls serves as administrator of the Scholarship Foundation which was established in 1978 from Judgment Funds awarded in Dockets 15-K, 29-J, 15-M, 29-K and 146.

The Scholarship Foundation Consists of a panel of four who make the final decision on the awards. The panel meets three times a year for the approval of applicants.

The Scholarship Foundation awarded 58 scholarships totaling \$14,680.91 to students in 15 states. The scholarship applicants have to meet income guidelines. Descendancy enrollees are not eligible for the Tribal Scholarship as the funding is derived from Judgment Funds.

Mary Farrell

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Social Services

The Social Services Program is set up to assist those who are in need until a time when they can manage providing for their basic needs. Each program has specific guidelines that must be followed in order for the client to qualify.

General Assistance — provides direct payment to individuals and families without income. Because this is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the individual must be one-quarter quantum Indian Blood or more.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program — a one-time-a-year assistance

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with an electric, gas or propane bill. The applicant must provide their CDIB card, proof of income statement and utility bill.

Community Service Block Grant — this funding assists with emergency fuel to a doctor's appointment or a job interview.

Homeless — this is a one-time-a-year assistance for an overdue bill with a cut-off notice or an eviction notice that might cause the family/individual to become homeless. It can also be used to assist a homeless person in securing shelter.

General Assistance was provided to seven, in the amount of \$971; Community Service Block Grant assistance was provided to 59 in the amount of \$375; LIHEAP assistance was provided to 378 in the amount of \$9893.60; and Homeless assistance was provided for 44 in the amount of \$375.

I would encourage all Potawatomi tribal members to contact the Social Services Department if they feel they could benefit from one or more of these programs.

Shawna Jackson

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Substance Abuse Prevention

BABES (kindergarten through third grades) and DUNCAN (fourth through sixth grades) are substance abuse programs in Pottawatomie County. The focus of these programs is self-esteem, peer pressure, decision-making, coping skills, substance abuse and getting help.

BABES and DUNCAN are primary prevention programs designed to give children a lifetime of protection from substance abuse.

These programs accomplish this by assisting young people to develop positive living skills and by providing them with accurate, non-judgmental information about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

This important information is presented in a manner designed to gain the attention of children and enable them to develop a desire for healthful living and give them the ability to better understand how to protect themselves from alcohol and chemical dependency situations among their peers and within a family structure.

Plans are in the making to have a library of Native American books and a tutoring program for Native American children who are having difficulty in school. This will be a substance abuse prevention program that will boost self-esteem in the individual and appreciation of the Native American heritage.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Programs are staffed by Dee Lopez, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, BABES; Shirl Hubert, Substance Abuse Prevention Counselor, DUNCAN; Yusenda Condon, Substance Abuse Assistant.

During the past year these programs served 3,076 adults, 7,596 minors and there were 2,616 outpatient/prevention contacts. Program staff engaged in 144 hours of training over the year.

Dee Lopez/Shirl Hubert

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Tax Commission

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma adopted the General Revenue and Taxation Act of 1984 by Resolution POTT #84-3 on August 24, 1984, thereby creating the Potawatomi Tax Commission.

The Tax Commission is necessary to tribal government by licensing and regulating certain conduct within the tribal jurisdiction, providing financing for expansion of tribal government and to provide financing for expansion of tribal government operations and services in order for the Potawatomi Tribe to efficiently and effectively exercise its confirmed governmental responsibilities with the Indian Country subject to the jurisdiction of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Tax Commission is the regulating authority and provides the necessary oversight in the collection, accounting and administration of the tax dollars.

Tax dollars benefit the tribe in many forms, such as fostering regional councils to bring the government to the people and operate the tribe. Tax revenue also represents a tribe's ability to not rely completely on federal/state program dollars to support the functions and administration of the tribe.

Mary Farrell

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Tribal Court

During calendar year 1993, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe was awarded a Special Tribal Court Grant through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This grant, which expired December 31, 1994, subsidized the current contract which funds the tribal court. The tribal court has been able to upgrade the current tribal court services with the use of the funds from this grant, making it more

responsive to the needs of the tribal membership.

The tribal court operates with seven Supreme Court Justices; three District Court Judges; one Prosecuting Attorney; one Public Defender; and one Court Clerk. The Court Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The District Court is in session twice a month, whereas the Supreme Court is in session on the first Monday in October (new term) and upon the filing of an appeal. There were no appeals filed during calendar year 1994.

There were 19 civil cases, active and/or closed, for 1994. This number includes cases such as civil complaints; divorce petitions; motion to modify divorce decree; petition for appointment of guardian; and small claims affidavits. Those filing civil actions (Plaintiff) are as follows: 14 tribal members; one non-member Indian; and four non-Indians. Those filed upon (Defendant) are as follows: six tribal members; five non-member Indians; and nine non-Indians.

There were 16 juvenile cases, active and/or closed, for 1994. Juvenile cases concern such matters as deprived or neglected children, voluntary grant of custodial rights, emergency orders, voluntary or involuntary termination of parental right, etc.

The total number of active and/or closed criminal cases for 1994 was ten. Criminal complaint charges were: one malicious mischief; one larceny; six intoxication; one driving while license revoked; one disorderly conduct.

Of the charges listed, one defendant is a tribal member. The other nine are non-member Indians.

Because the tribal rolls are expanding and the number of persons subject to the tribal jurisdiction are increasing, the tribe reasonably anticipates the court activity to expand in the years to come.

Joie White

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Tribal Rolls

The office of Tribal Rolls is responsible for maintaining current tribal enrollment records, preparing tribal identification cards, tribal membership statements, Indian preference certifications, Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood letters, encoding the information into the Bureau of Indian Affairs computer system and researching family histories.

In the past year, the office of Tribal Rolls has enrolled 715 descendant enrollees and 75 members who met the previous blood quantum guidelines. We now have a total enrollment of 21,481. Since the rolls opened on April 3, 1989,

we have enrolled 8,750 descendant members.

This past year, Tribal Rolls received 4,295 letters, enrollment applications, research requests and various pieces of mail and mailed out 2,320 pieces. Our office typed 1,539 identification cards, 844 blood degree letters, and 17 Indian preference forms.

Tax permits are issued from the Tribal Rolls office to all tribal enterprises and pow wow vendors.

Tribal Rolls encoded 5,722 name changes, enrollments, address changes, deceased members. Encoding is not only done in the Tribal Rolls office, it is also done in the Bureau of Indian Affairs computer.

Our office has certified and filed 7,123 Burial Insurance Forms since the Burial Insurance was approved by the Business Committee on November 24, 1994.

Regional reports, letters, Business Committee minutes, donations and new enrollees are typeset in the Tribal Rolls office for the monthly paper, HowNiKan.

We have researched for 95 tribal members who requested information on their ancestors.

Mary Farrell

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

Tribal Store

The tribal store continues each year to increase in customers and sales. We have many regular customers who come from out of town to shop with us. We are planning to remodel and modernize our store in the near future so we can better serve our customers. Presently, we have twelve full-time employees and one part-time. Our gross sales the past year were in excess of \$4,000,000.

On February 1, 1995, we opened a new store in Tecumseh. We had a slow start as we did not have our sign up as yet and the building does not look like a "smoke shop." In our new store we are only selling tobacco products and accessories. Our sales are increasing daily. We welcome all to come by and see us. The address is 214 E. Walnut (Hwy 9), in Tecumseh. We have four full time employees at this time.

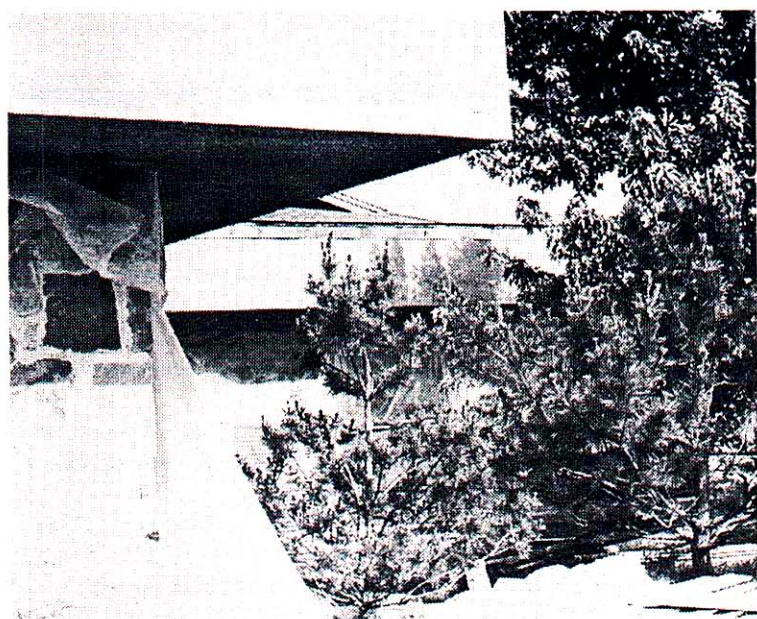
LaChresia Whitley

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

WIC

Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as amended states in part that Congress finds that substantial numbers of pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpart-

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Sprucing Up

Among the improvements to tribal facilities in recent months is the refurbishing of existing buildings around the roof line. The administration, police and museum buildings are receiving new insulation board and facial boards to combat roof problems, said Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale. When completed, the upper board will be forest green with a lower board of a stucco-finish, low maintenance material of skin-toned off-white. The same improvements will be made to other tribal complex buildings later, Trousdale said.



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tum women, infant and children up to the age of 5 from families with inadequate income are at special risk with respect to their physical and mental health by reason of inadequate nutrition and health, or both.

The purpose of the program is to provide nutritious supplemental foods through payment of cash grants to state agencies, (the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians), which administer the program through local agencies at no cost to the eligible persons. The program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical times of growth and development, in order to prevent the occurrence of health problems and to improve the health status of these people.

In accordance with the Tribal CHR programs and Indian Health Services, participants are screened for health and nutrition related risk factors, income and categorical eligibility. Eligible participants receive monthly vouchers are redeemed by participants at authorized grocery stores, who submit the vouchers to the WIC Program for payment.

In addition, nutrition and consumer education is made available to each participant to assist in achieving a possible change in food habits, resulting in improved nutritional status and in the prevention of nutrition-related problems through optimal use of the supplemental and other nutritious foods. This is taught in the context of the ethnic, cultural and geographic preference of the participants with consideration and educational and environmental limitations.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian WIC Program serves the eight county area of Logan, Payne, Lincoln, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Seminole, Hughes and Pottawatomie counties. During the past fiscal year (October 1, 1993 - September 30, 1994), we served a monthly average of 327 women, 443 infants and 739 children, an increase of 350 participants, with an average food package cost of \$38.26 per person.

In January 1995, the program was awarded by the State of Oklahoma WIC Program, in recognition of having a 30 percent increase in participants last year, with a treasure chest of toys to be given to participants.

Standards for participants in this program are the same for everyone regardless of age, sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap.

Shelly Yones



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CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS AND COMPONENT UNIT
September 30, 1994

STATEMENT 1

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	FIRST OKLAHOMA BANK, N.A.	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,369	718,437	1,221,730	122,437	12,533	-	-	2,286,681	4,359,187
Prepaid fund cash	-	-	-	-	54,364	-	-	-	54,364
Investments	-	83,835	-	-	190,555	-	-	12,365,133	12,639,523
Cash value of life insurance	-	-	-	-	81,907	-	-	-	81,907
Receivables:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	189,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	189,000
Due from other funds	4,242	631,950	119,407	402,462	3,200	-	-	-	1,161,261
Due from component unit	-	-	12,475	-	-	-	-	-	12,475
Accrued interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	263,515	263,515
Other	-	3,023	29,932	-	-	-	-	-	32,955
Inventory	-	19,547	417,539	-	-	-	-	-	437,086
Loans, net of allowance for loss losses of \$241,626	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,855,711	14,855,711
Restricted assets held in trust	5,468,233	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,468,233
Accrued interest on trust investments	75,134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,134
Property and equipment	-	-	1,761,307	128,769	-	2,802,706	-	455,694	5,148,476
Construction in progress	-	-	2,043,599	-	-	-	-	-	2,043,599
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,747	-	16,747
Net deferred tax asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	337,800	337,800
Other assets, net	-	-	22,797	-	9,416	-	-	117,909	150,122
Total Assets and Other Debits	5,564,978	1,645,792	5,628,786	653,668	352,375	2,802,706	16,747	32,662,443	47,327,495

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS AND COMPONENT UNIT
September 30, 1994

STATEMENT 1
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LIABILITIES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	FIRST OKLAHOMA BANK, N.A.	
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,481,603	28,481,603
Due to primary government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,324	3,324
Accrued salaries	-	27,824	34,799	8,908	-	-	-	-	71,531
Accounts payable	12,727	118,414	405,548	1,370	-	-	-	-	538,059
Accrued interest and other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,513	99,513
Due to other funds	118,488	238,307	312,226	476,272	15,968	-	-	-	1,161,261
Estimated liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported	-	-	-	19,807	-	-	-	-	19,807
Capitalized lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,783	8,783
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	8,885	9,162	-	-	16,747	-	34,794
Total Liabilities	131,215	384,545	761,458	515,519	15,968	-	16,747	28,593,223	30,418,675

FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Contributed capital	-	-	918,312	-	-	-	-	-	918,312
Investment in fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,802,706	-	-	2,802,706
Fund balances:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved in trust	5,468,233	-	-	-	336,407	-	-	-	5,468,233
Reserved in trust for employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	336,407
Reserved for program activities	-	425,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	425,900
Unreserved, undesignated	(34,470)	835,347	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,877
Retained earnings - unreserved	-	-	3,949,016	138,149	-	-	-	-	4,087,165
Component Unit Fund Equity:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributed capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,688,660	2,688,660
Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(628,131)	(628,131)
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,691	8,691
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	5,433,763	1,261,247	4,867,328	138,149	336,407	2,802,706	-	2,069,220	16,908,820
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$ 5,564,978	1,645,792	5,628,786	653,668	352,375	2,802,706	16,747	30,662,443	47,327,495

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Period Ended September 30, 1994

STATEMENT 2

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	
Revenues:			
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	3,536,424	3,536,424
Head Tax received from Gaming Operation	-	598,392	598,392
Cigarette and Sales Tax Revenue	-	142,532	142,532
Revenue from trust investments	304,291	-	304,291
Interest revenue	3,741	18,114	21,855
Other revenue	14,126	146,452	160,578
Total Revenues	322,158	4,441,914	4,764,072
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	421,050	726,643	1,147,693
Health and Human Services	-	2,396,406	2,396,406
Education and Job Training	-	689,883	689,883
Capital outlay:			
Fixed asset purchases	55,961	217,810	273,771
Total Expenditures	477,011	4,030,742	4,507,753
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(154,853)	411,172	256,319
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	510,000	551,162	1,061,162
Operating transfers out	(399,385)	(752,223)	(1,151,608)
Total other sources (uses)	110,615	(201,061)	(90,446)
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(44,238)	210,111	165,873
Fund balance, beginning of period	5,478,001	1,051,136	6,529,137
Fund balance, end of period	\$ 5,433,763	1,261,247	6,695,010

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STATEMENT 3

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET AND ACTUAL
BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Period Ended September 30, 1994

	GENERAL FUND			BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	-	-	1,751,266	1,590,313	(160,953)	1,751,266	1,590,313	(160,953)
Other revenue	561,600	322,158	(239,442)	105,649	117,158	11,509	667,249	439,316	(227,933)
Total Revenues	561,600	322,158	(239,442)	1,856,915	1,707,471	(149,444)	2,418,515	2,029,629	(388,886)
Expenditures:									
General government	506,600	421,050	85,550	-	-	-	506,600	421,050	85,550
Health & human services	-	-	-	1,360,469	1,278,203	82,266	1,360,469	1,278,203	82,266
Education & job training	-	-	-	525,640	433,028	92,612	525,640	433,028	92,612
Capital Outlay	55,000	55,961	(961)	4,345	9,571	(5,226)	59,345	65,532	(6,187)
Total Expenditures	561,600	477,011	84,589	1,890,454	1,720,802	169,652	2,452,054	2,197,813	254,241
Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	(154,853)	(154,853)	(33,539)	(13,331)	20,208	(33,539)	(168,184)	(134,645)
Other financing sources (uses):									
Operating transfers in	-	510,000	510,000	33,539	45,487	11,948	33,539	555,487	521,948
Operating transfers out	-	(399,385)	(399,385)	-	-	-	-	(399,385)	(399,385)
Total other sources (uses)	-	110,615	110,615	33,539	45,487	11,948	33,539	156,102	122,563
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	(44,238)	(44,238)	-	32,156	32,156	-	(12,082)	(12,082)
Fund balance, beginning of period	-	5,478,001	5,478,001	-	5,133	5,133	-	5,483,134	5,483,134
Fund balance, end of period	\$ -	5,433,763	5,433,763	-	37,289	37,289	-	5,471,052	5,471,052

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 4

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS / FUND BALANCES
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, TRUST FUND AND COMPONENT UNIT
Period Ended September 30, 1994

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	PENSION TRUST	FIRST OKLAHOMA BANK, N.A.	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Operating Revenues:					
Sales	7,520,439	-	-	-	7,520,439
Concessions	261,430	-	-	-	261,430
Golf cart rentals	157,034	-	-	-	157,034
Employer contributions	-	-	94,742	-	94,742
Employee contributions	-	-	39,252	-	39,252
Charges to other programs and funds	-	705,293	-	-	705,293
Other	4,488	973	-	39,572	45,033
Interest income	-	-	1,977	2,160,072	2,162,049
Service fees on deposit accounts	-	-	-	261,272	261,272
Total Operating Revenues	7,941,391	706,266	137,971	2,460,916	11,248,544
Operating Expenses:					
Cost of sales	4,340,501	-	-	-	4,340,501
Salaries	1,044,962	290,788	-	674,201	2,010,951
Fringe benefits	234,572	67,839	-	-	302,411
Utilities and maintenance	256,715	98,300	-	-	355,015
Materials and supplies	308,636	15,875	-	-	324,511
Travel, training and housing	71,633	16,677	-	-	88,310
Telephone and postage	-	17,661	-	-	17,661
Legal and technical	19,692	-	-	110,120	129,812
Publishing	-	35,659	-	-	35,659
Contract services	32,312	28,515	-	-	60,827
Advertising	138,850	-	-	-	138,850
License & fees	12,235	-	1,601	-	13,836
Insurance	7,589	99,660	33,398	-	140,647
Depreciation	206,937	14,622	-	-	221,559
Bingo Head Tax remitted to Tribal governmental funds	598,192	-	-	-	598,192
Insurance claims	-	99,057	-	-	99,057
Distributions to individuals	-	-	15,626	-	15,626
Other	95,181	-	4,854	279,911	379,946
Interest expense on deposits	-	-	-	855,831	855,831
Provision for loan losses	-	-	-	128,000	128,000
Occupancy	-	-	-	66,130	66,130
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	129,361	129,361
Business development	-	-	-	78,337	78,337
Income tax expense - deferred	-	-	-	28,300	28,300
Total Operating Expenses	7,366,207	784,653	55,479	2,350,191	10,556,530
Operating Income (loss)	577,184	(78,387)	82,492	110,725	692,014
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):					
Interest income	53,726	2,571	-	-	56,297
FUTA tax settlement	-	-	(105,626)	-	(105,626)
Note repayment	(125,000)	-	-	-	(125,000)
Property transferred to other funds	(166,940)	-	-	-	(166,940)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	(121,830)	(121,830)
Income (loss) before operating transfers	336,970	(75,816)	(23,134)	(11,105)	228,915
Operating Transfers:					
Operating transfers in	1,296,524	-	-	-	1,296,524
Operating transfers out	(1,206,078)	-	-	-	(1,206,078)
Net operating transfers	90,446	-	-	-	90,446
Net Income (loss)	429,416	(75,816)	(23,134)	(11,105)	319,361
Retained earnings / fund balance reserved in trust for employees / component unit deficit and minority interest, beginning of period	3,519,600	213,965	359,541	(619,675)	3,473,431
Retained earnings / fund balance reserved in trust for employees / component unit deficit and minority interest, end of period	\$ 3,949,016	138,149	336,407	(630,780)	3,792,792

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 5

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, TRUST FUND AND COMPONENT UNIT
Period Ended September 30, 1994

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	COMPONENT UNIT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	PENSION TRUST	FIRST OKLAHOMA BANK, N.A.	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Operating income	577,184	(78,387)	82,492	110,725	692,014
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	206,937	14,622	-	-	221,559
Premium amortization - securities	-	-	-	101,754	101,754
Discount accretion - securities	-	-	-	63,094	63,094
Provision for possible loan losses	-	-	-	(7,818)	(7,818)
(Increase) Decrease in:					
Due from other funds	(44,980)	2,134	-	-	(42,846)
Due from component unit	(12,475)	-	-	-	(12,475)
Accounts receivable	(2,359)	-	-	-	(2,359)
Prepaid expenses	(18,265)	-	-	-	(18,265)
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	-	-	(9,181)	(16,546)	(25,727)
Inventory	(59,277)	-	-	-	(59,277)
Net deferred tax asset	-	-	-	28,300	28,300
Net cash provided by operating activities	829,866	59,228	73,311	433,752	1,396,157
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest received	53,726	2,571	-	-	56,297
Purchase of investment securities	-	-	(17,357)	(6,386,144)	(6,403,501)
Purchase of investments and life insurance policies	-	-	(20,440)	-	(20,440)
Proceeds from maturity and principal payments of investment securities	-	-	-	4,280,022	4,280,022
Net increase in loans	-	-	-	(761,364)	(761,364)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	53,726	2,571	(57,797)	(2,867,486)	(2,869,986)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Construction in progress	(1,451,616)	-	-	-	(1,451,616)
Lease payments	40,544	-	-	-	40,544
Purchase of property & equipment	(118,492)	(56,948)	-	-	(175,440)
Payments on capital lease obligations	-	-	-	(302,639)	(302,639)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,529,564)	(56,948)	-	(345,730)	(1,932,242)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:					
Operating transfers in	1,296,524	-	-	-	1,296,524
Operating transfers out	(1,081,078)	-	-	-	(1,081,078)
FUTA tax settlement	-	-	(105,626)	-	(105,626)
Net increase in demand deposits, N.O.W. and savings accounts	-	-	-	(1,084,717)	(1,084,717)
Net decrease in time deposits	-	-	-	2,742,866	2,742,866
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	90,446	-	(105,626)	1,658,149	1,642,969
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(555,536)	4,851	(90,112)	(1,121,315)	(1,762,102)
Cash at beginning of year	1,777,256	117,586	144,876	3,387,996	5,427,714
Cash at end of year	\$ 1,221,720	122,437	54,764	2,266,681	3,665,612

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

College program headed by tribal member featured in guide

The University of Iowa is one of eight schools featured in the first college guide ever designed specifically for American Indians.

The Annual College Guide for American Indians, published by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) "Winds of Change" magazine, is designed to help students learn what to expect financially, academically and personally from a university, information they might not otherwise receive in many high schools and reservation communities.

In order to be chosen for the

first issue, universities must have had an Indian Studies program, established Indian student organizations, good retention and graduation rates, excellent math, science, writing and communication preparation, a friendly community atmosphere and opportunities for mentorship.

"With our new American Indian and Native Studies Program, successful Indian student organizations, financial support from Opportunity at Iowa and overall progressive policies, Iowa is a natural addition to the guide," said UI Provost Peter Nathan.

The guide also cites the UI's American Indian Student Association, which promotes education and cultural understanding through the sponsorship of speakers, social and cultural events and the annual Powwow, held on the campus each April.

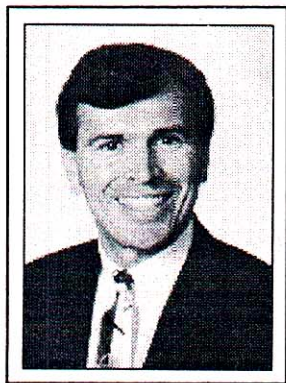
More than 30 new American Indian students enrolled at the

UI last year, bringing the total of American Indians/Alaskan Natives to nearly 100 students. The number will likely be even higher this coming year, said Joe Coulter, a UI professor and coordinator of the school's American Indian/Alaskan Native programs for Opportunity at Iowa who is a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi

Tribe of Oklahoma.

"Certainly our visibility as a result of the Guide will improve our student recruitment," Coulter said.

Other schools featured in the guide were Augsburg College, Dartmouth, Montana State, Northeastern State, Northern Arizona, Oregon State and Stanford.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

During the latter part of May, the tribe held its regional meeting in Kansas City. As such, this marked the end of my "introductory tour" around Potawatomi country since my first regional meeting in Denver last September. I have now had the opportunity to visit each of the nine regions and to meet not only our regional directors but also many other Potawatomi.

I am looking forward to our annual Pow Wow and General Council meeting here in Shawnee on June 23, 24, and 25. As was the case with the regional meetings, this will be my first Potawatomi Pow Wow. I hope to see many of you here in Shawnee that I became acquainted with at the regional meetings as well as others who I have not had the opportunity to meet.

For those of you who attend the Pow Wow and Council year after year, you will notice many changes around the tribe. Perhaps the two most prominent changes are the new bank building for First Oklahoma Bank and the new Fire Lake Lanes facility. I hope that you will contact the First Oklahoma Bank staff to arrange a tour of this magnificent facility. It contains 33,000 square feet of bank office space and the latest in banking and financial services technology. In addition, you should take some time to bowl at Fire Lake Lanes. This state-of-the-art, 24 lane bowling complex boasts, among other things, the finest Brunswick scoring equipment and pinsetters available anywhere.

Less noticeable are other improvements such as the facelift of the administration buildings, the added office area at health services, the crafts room at the senior citizens center and the new Tecumseh tobacco store. As you tour the tribal grounds, you will also take note of the nearly completed Native American Center of Recovery building. This facility will provide in-patient treatment, individual and group therapy as well as a wing devoted to battered women and children. Also, throughout the tribe there are many areas in which we have improved services, products or otherwise upgraded equipment.

In addition to these tangible items, I hope that as you come to visit this year, that you will feel a spirit of accomplishment throughout the tribe. A sense that we have come a long way in a short time and that the best is yet to come. I hope that we reflect a positive attitude, optimism and a progressive spirit. I think that you will notice these things also and that you will share a sense of pride in our accomplishments, our future prospects and in who we are as native people.



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POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

Editor:

The following material appeared in Volume 27 of the Illinois State Historical Society Journal, and was written by Percival Graham Rennick. The Bourbonnais and Tescier families should find it especially interesting. The Bulbona in the article was Francois Bourbonnais, Sr. His wife was Catherine Chevalier, "Cateche" or "Catfish". Zeffa probably is Ozetta (Oside). Another daughter of Francois and Cateche is my ancestor Catherine Bourbonnais, born in 1827, who would have been about five years old at this time. She was the first wife of Antoine Tessier, Sr.

"....From Providence the trail led to Bulbona's Grove. Bulbona, whose proper name was Bourbonnais, settled on the edge of this grove in 1828 and remained there until Black Hawk and his allies started their raids on the citizens of Bureau County. From miscellaneous records it appears that Bulbona had at one time lived in Peoria and at another time had traded on the east side of the river near the Hartzell trading house. An incident connected with the Bulbona cabin and the family of Bulbona in the early part of 1832 cannot be overlooked when discussing Bulbona Grove and its first settlers.

"As his name indicates, Bulbona was a Frenchman, but his wife was a squaw. At the time mentioned, their daughter, Zeffa, had two lovers; one a fine looking young Indian from Indian town and the other a French trader from Peoria. The mother's choice was the young Indian and the father's choice was the Frenchman. After a considerable period of rivalry, the two met at the home of Zeffa and the Frenchman entered into negotiations with the Indian and induced him to withdraw his offer of marriage to Zeffa for twenty-one blankets and fifty strings of beads.

Soon after, the wedding was arranged and the Frenchman came up from Peoria with a priest stationed at this point. He also brought a Peoria fiddler along. Bulbona had invited all his friends in the surrounding territory, Frenchmen, Indians and half-breeds. On the night of the wedding, Colonel

Strowbridge, Dad Joe Smith and Henry Thomas, who had been at Peoria and were on their way home over the Peoria and Galena Trail, were passing Bulbona's place and were invited to stop and join in the wedding festivities.

In addition to the other guests, some forty-five Indians were gathered outside of the house. When the white people ate and drank the Indians ate and drank. When the white people danced the Indians danced and squatted and yelled, but all in good nature. Sometimes the guests danced Indian dances and sometimes they danced French dances.

While the ceremony was going on a pack of dogs heard another dog barking inside the cabin and rushed in and commenced barking at the priest. Bulbona kicked the dogs and this made them start fighting, and in the struggle the priest was thrown down, his robes torn and his face scratched. There was a good deal of swearing at the dogs, both in Indian dialect and French, and even the priest denounced them. Just at the beginning of the wedding ceremony, a light covered wagon drove up to the door and one of the occupants asked for shelter for the night. Bulbona told them that his house was full because of the wedding of his daughter, but on closer observation he saw that they were army officers and invited them to take a drink and to stay for the party. They accepted.

The driver of the wagon was Mr. Kilgore of Peoria, and he related the story to N. Matson of Princeton, in 1872. The bridegroom in after years related the story to more than one citizen in the early Illinois valley. Kilgore had been hired by these officers, whose headquarters were at Prairie du Chien, to take them in his wagon as far as Galena and as it was nighttime when they

reached this point, they were naturally seeking shelter. The officers were Colonel Zachary Taylor, afterwards President of the United States; Lieutenant Jefferson Davis, afterwards President of the southern Confederacy; and a Captain Smith.

They all partook of the hospitality of the good Bulbona, and Davis joined in the dances. He drank quite liberally of the liquor that was there in abundance. He was especially attracted by a very beautiful young Indian girl who was the niece of Mrs. Bulbona, and as the evening advanced he became quite intoxicated, not only with the liquor but by the beauty of the girl. In his "Reminiscences," Matson gives the following account. Davis would dance with no one else (other than the girl mentioned) and he would change each dance into a waltz so that he could put his arms around the girl.

His ardent attention became distasteful to the Indian maiden and she believed herself insulted. She told her brother, a young powerful Indian, and he proceeded at once toward Davis with the intention of avenging the insult. As he lunged for Davis, the young officer drew his pistol but Colonel Taylor grasped the weapon and pushed Davis outside the house. Taylor, Smith and Davis with Kilgore proceeded along the road to the cabin of Henry Thomas, six miles to the north.

"We cannot pass by the remainder of the story of Davis and Colonel Taylor. Davis had met the daughter of Taylor at Vincennes and later asked the Colonel's sanction of his proposal of marriage. Taylor objected to the marriage, and no doubt the scene at Bulbona's did not add to the reputation of Davis. Notwithstanding the Colonel's opposition, the marriage took place at a later date...."

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Sept. 1 cut-off date set

Business Committee moves to speed up burial insurance

By GLORIA TROTTER

Several significant issues, including a major change in the tribe's new Burial Insurance Fund policy, were discussed at the May 23 quarterly meeting of the tribal Business Committee.

In what was probably its most significant action, the Business Committee speeded up the implementation of the Burial Insurance Fund by eliminating the 75 percent enrollment requirement and setting a cut-off date of Sept. 1, 1995, for sign-ups for the

program.

The action came after Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell told committee members that so far, only about a third of the eligible tribal members have signed up for the program, and the number required keeps increasing as tribal enrollment goes up. Vice Chairman Linda Capps said she is concerned about older tribal members who might really need the \$1,000 death benefit and could be deprived of that because of the other two-thirds who don't feel

they need the money.

After considerable discussion about the fairest way to resolve the question, the Business Committee voted 5-0 to approve a new resolution striking the 75 percent requirement and setting Sept. 1, 1995 as the cut-off date for enrolling in the Burial Insurance Fund. Notification of the change is to be announced in the next four issues of the HowNiKan, including this May issue.

But that wasn't the only issue to come before the committee,

which also:

- Voted 5-0 to uphold the disenrollment of Martin Stites when he failed to appear in response to a certified letter. Stites, enrolled in 1983 despite the fact that he was the adopted son of a tribal member, had appealed the committee's Feb. 20 decision to disenroll him to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which responded with a letter outlining an appeals process. Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. said he felt that while "disenrollment action may require approval by the Secretary of the Interior, the method of that disenrollment and appeal by the person involved is not at the discretion of the Secretary — it is within the purview of the Tribal Court." Noting that "this is not 1970, this is 1995," Barrett added that "in the case of the Citizen Potawatomi, we follow our Constitution, and the appeal is through the Grievance Committee."

- Voted 5-0 to submit the name of Oklahoma City attorney Marian Flanagan to the justices of the Tribal Supreme Court. If approved, Flanagan's appointment will come before the Business Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Linda Epperley.

Flanagan, who is currently seeking election to the Tribal Grievance Committee, would have to resign that post should she win election in order to accept the court appointment.

- Voted 5-0 to include on the next Secretarial Election ballot a question about changing the name of the tribe to Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Barrett said the word "band" causes some problems, and the tribe "isn't really 'of Oklahoma.'" Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert added that, as the nation's 10th largest Indian tribe, the term nation is more appropriate. If tribal members approve the name change, Barrett said he would like to look at revisions to the tribal seal to include more original, authentic art work and wording.

- Authorized submitting a grant application to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development seeking \$750,000 to build a community health facility in conjunction with Mission Hill Memorial Hospital.

- Approved a resolution of support for the Kickapoo Tribe, which is interested in operating Johnson O'Malley programs at Dale, McLoud and Harrah public schools next year.

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